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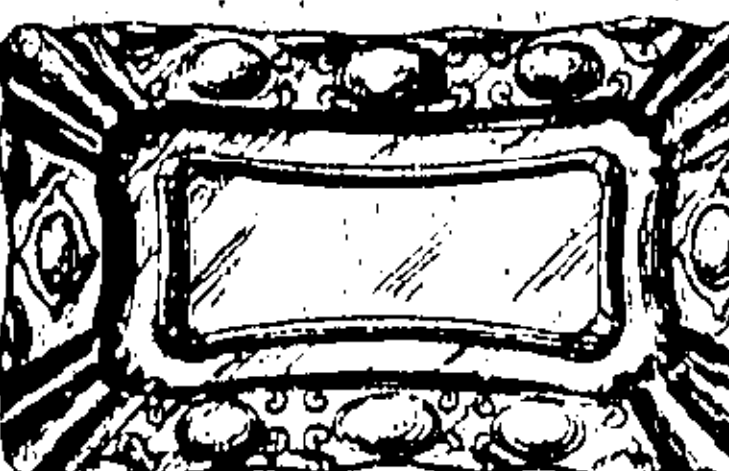
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NOTE TO PEKING.

British Minister on
Wanhien.

YANG SEN'S ACT OF PIRACY.

Amicable Solution: But Ships
Wanted First.

Peking, Sept. 22.
The Note of His Majesty's Min-
ister states that he has the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of the
Waichiao's memorandum on Sep-
tember 10 and 14 on the subject
of the seizure of the British
merchant steamers at Wanhien, in
which four complaints were made
against the British steamers in
connection with the sinking of
junks on the Upper Yangtze as
follows:—Firstly, the steamer
"Dienkuang" on June 13 in the
district of Wanhien; secondly the
"Wanliu" on June 8 in the district
of Fengqiao; thirdly, the "Chihai"
on August 2 at Foutan; and fourthly,
the "Wanliu" on August 29 at
Yungyang.

Owing to the interruption of regu-
lar communications, due to civil
war conditions on the Yangtze, and
the fact that His Majesty's Consul
at Chungking is at present at
Ichang, the British Minister
hitherto has only been able to
obtain telegraphic reports regard-
ing these cases, but the British
Consul at Chungking states that of
the four cases alleged the first was
never reported to him, the second
was completely refuted, and the
third was referred to the Steam-
ship Company concerned for obser-
vation.

Equitable Dealing.
As regards the fourth the British
Consul, on the day after the occur-
rence, telegraphed to General Yang
Sen that any claim against the
"Wanliu" should be brought
through his Consulate, when it
would be promptly and equitably
dealt with, and in view of Yang
Sen's high-handed detention of two
British ships, which were not con-
nected with the Yungyang in-
cident he forthwith proceeded to
Wanhien in order to deal with the
matter personally.

The British Minister has already
discussed this last Wanhien case
and the grave incidents arising
therefrom, and now places on record
the following outline of the facts as
they have hitherto reached him:—
The "Wanliu" on August 29 was
discharging passengers at Yung-
yang when she was boarded by
sixteen armed soldiers seeking to
commandeer accommodation for the
transport of Chinese troops in
violation of the regulations pro-
hibiting British vessels, in the in-
terests of strict neutrality in Chi-
nese civil wars, from carrying ar-
med Chinese forces, whilst simulta-
neously sampans containing troops
approached the ship.

Proper Legal Inquiry.
The "Wanliu" proceeded slowly
in order to avoid the sampans when
fire was opened from both banks
of the Yangtze River and the troops
on board rushed the bridge and
engine-room, but fortunately were
driven off by the ship's officers.
Sampans endeavouring to come
alongside the vessel fouled one an-
other and eventually sank. On
arrival at Wanhien the troops were
removed from the "Wanliu" by
H.M.S. "Cockchafer" and the
"Wanliu" proceeded on her voyage.
On August 29 Yang Sen, appar-
ently as a reprisal, seized the
"Wanhien" and "Wantung," put-
ting at least 300 soldiers aboard.
Yang Sen declined to discuss the
matter with the commander of the
"Cockchafer" whereupon the Con-
sul hurried from Chungking to
Wanhien to take charge of the
negotiations. Yang Sen refused to
listen to his representations or re-
lease the steamers, or the officers
until the matter of "Wanliu" was
settled. The Consul, acting under
instructions from the Minister in
Peking, exhausted every possible
conciliatory effort, including, natu-
rally, an offer of a proper legal
inquiry. Yang Sen declined to
agree to any terms which did not
permit him to exact compensation
from the Company without regard
to the actual facts of the case.

On September 5, H.M.S.
"Widgeon" and the "Kiawo" the
latter manned by four naval officers
and 60 men, proceeded to Wanhien
to assist the "Cockchafer" in effect-
ing the release of the ships and
officers.

Strict British Neutrality.
As she approached the detained
vessels the "Kiawo" met with mur-
derous rifle and machine-gun fire
without warning from the Chinese
soldiers. Other British vessels
were subjected to heavy rifle and
field-gun fire from the troops

MILITARY WEDDING.

BRIDE WHO WAS BORN
IN REGT.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY.

St. John's Cathedral was the
scene this afternoon of a pretty
military wedding attended by
officers of the 1st Battalion, East
Surrey Regiment, members of the
Sergeants' Mess and their wives.
The parties were Miss Dorothy
Rose Oram, daughter of Sergt.
and Mrs. Oram, of the 1st Bat-
talion, East Surreys; and Sergt.
Frederick Charles Ridger, also of
the 1st Battalion, East Surreys,
and Mrs. Ridger, of Ad-
dlestone, Surrey.

Both bride and bridegroom are
very popular in the Regiment
with which they have been con-
nected for some considerable
time, the bride having been born
whilst the Regiment was in Jer-
sey.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford, chap-
lain to the troops in Hong Kong,
officiated.

The bride, who entered the
church on the arm of her father,
by whom she was given away,
wore a becoming dress of velvet
georgette and carried a bouquet
of white roses.

Miss Lily May Oram, her sister,
who was bridesmaid, wore a
dress of blue taffeta and carried
a pretty bouquet of carnations.

The bride's mother was attired
in peach coloured georgette.
Sergeant Bays, of the 1st Bat-
talion, East Surrey Regiment,
was the best man.

After a reception at the quar-
ters in Kennedy Road, the happy
couple leave for their honeymoon
at Repulse Bay, the bride's tra-
velling dress being of flowered
voile with hat to match.

The bride's gift to the bride-
groom was a gold signet-ring and
that of the bridegroom to the
bride a gold slave bangle.

Mr. W. C. Shiner, living at No.
78, The Peak, has reported to the
police that between 9 a.m. on Mon-
day and 8.30 the following morning
some person entered a room and
stole a silver travelling clock
valued at \$24.

The gunboats, in self-
defence, were compelled to return
fire against this point, including
the town of Wanhien, from which
they were being attacked and ul-
timately went down river, having
effected the release of five of the
six officers. The sixth was report-
ed to have been wounded and is
presumed to have been drowned.
The British Minister quotes the
British casualties and goes on:—
Pending the receipt of instructions
the British Minister reserves, on be-
half of His Majesty's Government,
all their rights in connection with
this grave incident. Meantime he
draws the attention of the Waichiao
to the fact that the high-handed
action of the Chinese military officer
in attempting to commandeer a
British ship for the transport of
troops, and that the British Gov-
ernment, in pursuance of strict
neutrality in Chinese civil wars, has
consistently refused all British
ships to be so used.

Strong Digified Words.
The Note points out Yang
Sen's proper procedure, if he had
a real or fancied cause of com-
plaint. It emphasises that the
Chinese military place themselves
entirely in the wrong if they en-
deavour to exact reparation by
such means as the forcible deten-
tion of British ships not connected
with the case. It goes on:—
His Majesty's Government is quite
unable to tolerate such action.
Yang Sen must be aware of the
correct procedure in cases where he
has a complaint against British
subjects or ships. His action in
seizing ships and posting armed
soldiers aboard who open fire on
British gunboats amounts to
nothing less than piracy.

His Majesty's Minister is con-
vinced that the Waichiao will not
attempt to defend it. The Waichiao
may rest assured that His
Majesty's officers will endeavour to
arrange on the spot an amicable
solution of the difficulties which
have arisen in connection with the
case, but as a preliminary to dis-
cussion it is essential that the two
detained ships be handed over
forthwith to the British authorities.
(Signed) Ronald MacLennan,
Peking, September 20.

NO POWER?

Local Law & Chinese
Pirates.

VITAL POINT RAISED.

Does Our Jurisdiction Extend to
China?

In connection with the charge
of piracy against three Chinese at
the Criminal Sessions there was
an interesting development this
morning when Mr. C. G. Alabaster
K.C. submitted that the court had
no jurisdiction over Chinese sub-
jects alleged to be implicated in
piracy in Chinese waters.

The alleged piracy occurred off
Cheung Chau Island, four miles
outside the limits of British
waters.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that
the prisoners had no case to
answer. (They have not yet
given their evidence.)

It had been proved beyond con-
test that the spot where the at-
tack by the "white sail" sampans
took place was within Chinese
waters, said Mr. Alabaster.

For the purpose of his own
argument, continued counsel, he
would not contend that "beyond
the ultimate coasts of China
there was a territorial jurisdic-
tion extending over three or four
miles. It would be sufficient for
his purposes that the alleged
piracy had taken place in Chinese
territory without the additional
milege.

The spot in question was as
much within the body of the
county or district of China, con-
tinued counsel, as the Solent was
within the body of Southampton
and the Bristol Channel within
the county of Glamorgan.

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JURY PRIVACY.

NEED FOR REFORM
LOCALLY.

READER'S COMPLAINT.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir.—As a member of the public
interested in the murder trial which
concluded yesterday I attended the
court throughout the morning and
was extremely surprised at the lack
of adequate jury facilities.

In the first place, the jury when
retiring to consider its verdict,
passes through the public corridor
and yesterday I observed a Chinese
woman stop and address a member
of the jury as he was on his way,
with the others, to consider the ver-
dict.

Arrived in the reference library,
the room in which they have to
consider their verdict, the jury find
themselves overlooked by any mem-
bers of the public who wish to in-
dulge their curiosity by observing a
question of life or death, being
thrust out by those upon whom
has fallen the grave duty of decid-
ing.

The staring crowd outside the
windows of the room yesterday
grew to such dimensions and mem-
bers of it were so persistent in
their attentions that, quite properly,
the jury sent out a message asking
that the verandah in question should
be cleared.

This was in fact done at the
order of the usher but at the usher's
duty is to remain at the door of
the room, some distance away and
out of sight of the verandah win-
dows, the clearance was only tem-
porary.

As a member of a former jury
which also experienced consider-
able annoyance as a result of the
attentions of a curious crowd in
our deliberations on an equally
grave occasion, I consider that the
least the law which calls on them
to adjudicate in an issue of life and
death can do for them is to provide
privacy during their deliberations.
In courts at home the jury have
a special entrance and exit which
ensures that in leaving the court
they are unmolested and the room
with which they are provided is
secure against all would-be eaves-
droppers or observers.

Yours, etc.,
EX-JURYMAN.

Hong Kong, September 22.

[The above letter was submitted
by the "China Mail" this morning
to the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, At-
torney General. Mr. Kemp said that
the matter merited serious con-
sideration and he would bring it to
the attention of the Chief Justice.
A room which provided more pri-
vacy than the one in present use
was the Chief Justice's Clerk's room
which some time ago had been used
for this purpose.—Editor, "China
Mail"]

WAR ZONE SHIFTS.

CHANG KAI-SHEK'S STRATEGIC
ADVANTAGE.

WU CHANGES HIS MIND.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

Latest movements in the cen-
tral China war portend the shift-
ing of the main scene of hostil-
ties from Hupeh province to
Kiangsi.

The lull in the Nationalists v.
Sun Chuan-fang zone continues
with the southerners moving up
troops as though preparatory to
striking. Marshal Sun Chuan-
fang's "five provinces" are still
rushing up reinforcements to-
wards the more flexible parts of
their line.

Despatches from Kiangsi point
to General Chang Kai-shek having
taken up the position of a semi-
circle, the middle of which threat-
ens Nanchang, the capital of
Kiangsi province.

Wait & See Policy?
The southern main force is in
the centre of a large salient, hav-
ing "bent back" the Kiangsi gar-
rison to an extent whereby fresh
divisions can be pushed forward
rapidly to any part of the semi-
circle.

Previous hesitation on the part
of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is
blamed for having given the Na-
tionalists this big advantage.

Military experts predict that
Sun Chuan-fang will not fight
seriously at least till another week
has passed by, when he will have
put sufficient troops in the field
to ensure numerical superiority
over the southerners.

Pushing Wu Pei-fu Out.
He is still waiting for Marshal
Chang Tso-lin of Fengtien to
give evidence of good faith as a
professed ally, by taking the field
in the north, on Wu Pei-fu's side.
Native peace missions are still
relying on Sun Chuan-fang's
suspicions of a "back door" at-
tack by Chang Tso-lin, and on the
remote possibility of an under-
standing with Chang Kai-shek.

No outbreak has been reported
from the Fukien-Kwangtung bor-
der.

To the north of Hankow, Gen-
eral Tang Seng-chee, commanding
the 8th army, seems to be start-
ing another offensive against Wu
Pei-fu, who is now on the Hupeh-
Honan boundary.

New Official Chosen.
The Nationalists have already
nominated a council of govern-
ment for Hupeh province—on the
lines of that in Canton—together
with other officials who
include Mr. Chan Kung-
pok as Foreign Commissioner
and Superintendent of Customs.
Mr. Chan was head of the
Labour and Agricultural or-
ganisation in Canton. His place
on the Boycott Conference was
taken by another at the last
moment owing to his being or-
dered to the north.

At the eleventh hour, Wu Pei-
fu seems to have changed his
mind as to a counter-offensive to
relieve the pressure on Wuchang.
There is no official news regard-
ing the besieged city.

"Some Fighting."
Peking, Sept. 21.
A telegram from Hankow, dated
September 19, states that mission-
aries of all denominations in Han-
kow and their property are safe,
but that some fighting has taken
place at Chikungshan, where there
are missionary and Alliance mis-
sionaries from Wuchang. Bombs
have been dropped on buildings ad-
jacent to the Alliance Mission prop-
erty.—Reuter.

"ON THE BENCH."

Local reporters now occupy a
small table on the "Bench" at the
Yau-mat Magistrate. Through
pressure on court space, news-
paper men have been crowded out.
Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl, the present
stipendiary, has been thoughtful
enough to provide room on his
platform. The "China Mail"
tenders its thanks to Mr. Nicholl.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar
on demand today was 2/11/16.

PROVIDENT CO.

Annual Meeting on
Nov. 12.

SHAREHOLDER'S QUESTIONS.

Did Not Wish to Criticise
Investigators.

At the adjourned annual meeting
of the China Provident, Loan &
Mortgage Co., Ltd. to-day, a further
postponement till November 12 was
passed by the shareholders.

Mr. F. M. Crawford addressed the
meeting and asked for information
for shareholders, Mr. R. G. Shewan
(transpiring).

It is anticipated that the report
of the investigation committee will
be ready before November 12.

A departure from the usual pro-
cedure of the majority of meetings
of local public companies was the
reading and approval of minutes of
the previous meeting.

Supporting Mr. Shewan were
Messrs.—T. G. Weall, H. P. White
and W. J. Hawker (members of the
consulting committee), D. L. King
(secretary) and W. E. L. Shenton
(solicitor for the company).

Those Present.

The meeting was held in the com-
pany's office, St. George's Building
this morning. The attendance in-
cluded:—
Rev. Fr. A. Biottet, Rev. Fr. L.
Vircondelet, Messrs. G. F. Haslam,
D. H. Cameron, C. J. Quarles van
Ufford, C. A. da Roza, J. M. Alves,
A. A. Alves, N. V. H. Croucher,
F. M. Crawford, A. L. Shields, J.
Coulthart, M. A. Figueiredo, W.
Morley, J. Pereira, C. B. Brown,
L. E. Guterres, J. Barradas, I. W.
Shewan, M. A. Remedios, Chan Yu-
su, A. J. Edgar, S. H. Ross, P.
Tester, D. W. Munton, D. M. Lopes,
S. M. Churn, P. M. N. da Silva, Tse
Tsai-tai, J. T. Choy, and V.
Sorby.

The Resolution.

After the notice and last minutes
had been read, Mr. Shewan said:—
Gentlemen.—The 29th ordinary
general meeting which was held on
July 22 last was adjourned until
to-day at the request of the investi-
gation committee, pending the sub-
mission of their report.

I have been requested by them
to move a further adjournment of
this meeting, owing to the fact that
their report is not yet ready for
presentation.

I therefore beg to propose:—
That this meeting of shareholders
stands adjourned until Friday,
November 12, 1926 at the same hour
and place.

Will someone kindly second that?

Mr. C. A. da Roza seconded.

Information Sought.

On a call by the chair for re-
marks of shareholders, if any, Mr.
F. M. Crawford said:—
While I feel sure shareholders
will support me in sympathising
with the members of the Investigat-
ing Committee, who are doubtless
putting in a great deal of work and
energy on our behalf and have more
or less a thankless task before them,
I would like to take this opportunity
of asking for some information as
to what has been done.

It is now nearly six months since
the meeting in which we appointed
this committee to go into the affairs
of the company together with the
Consulting Committee, and as they
had the benefit of the preliminary
investigation prior to their appoint-
ment, I cannot help but think that
by this time some information
might have been given to the share-
holders as to the result of this in-
vestigation.

Fixing the Blame.

In six months surely something
definite should have been arrived at
by the two committees acting con-
jointly, and it is difficult to under-
stand why it is continually neces-
sary to have these meetings post-
poned.

A glance at the Articles of As-
sociation should suffice to convince
shareholders that the Consulting
Committee have very little respon-
sibility, and although they may be
considered guilty to some degree
of negligence, it seems quite obvious
that they cannot be held liable
financially for any loss.

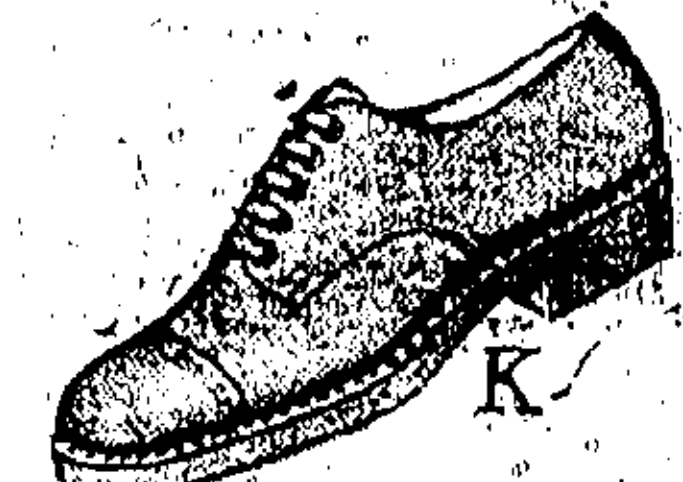
Has the Investigating Committee
been spending its time in trying to
place the blame of past work on the
Consulting Committee? If so, I
shall be glad to know what the
approximate cost of this investiga-
tion is going to be, for it seems to
be more or less a waste of time and
shareholders' money.

Looking to the Future.

The same remarks apply to the
responsibility of auditors. To try

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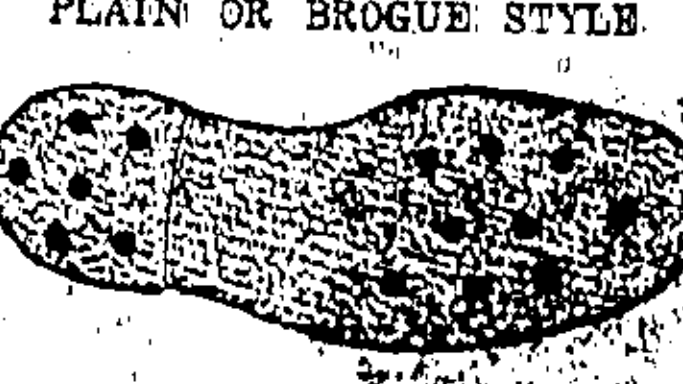
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The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria. Naval yard Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water change of current, the

September 17 to 23, 1926.

DATE		HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER
Sept.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	
Fri. 17	m 4 9 3 10	6.7 4.5	0 34 a. 10 40 a.	

Sat.	18	m	5	28	7.0	
			7	58a	4.8	
Sun.	19	m	8	35	7.4	m 0 3
			8	38a	5.2	7 8 a
Mon.	20	m	7	37	7.7	m 1 15
			8	59a	5.4	2 48 a
Tues.	21	m	8	31	7.8	m 2 19

Wed. 22	m	9 30a	6.8	3 23 a
		9 34	7.7	m 3 2
		10 3a	6.1	3 49 a
Thurs. 23	m	10 18	7.4	m 3 50
		10 36a	6.4	4 34

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Poultry.		Sept. 16, June,	1926.	1918.
		Cts.	Cts.	
..... 雞	lb.	60	30	

..... 綠 雞	"	55	28
..... 肥 雞	"	60	28
..... 鴨	"	40	22
..... 班 鳩	each	—	22
(ing)... 雞 蛋	per doz.	30	18
(h)... 新鮮雞蛋	"	35	25

本地雞	lb.	75	36
海雞	"	50	36
白海火	"	45	24
口雞	each	60	30
公雞	"	35	28
	lb.	—	—

火	箱	"	—	51
火	箱	each	—	—
火	箱	pair	—	—
火	箱	"	—	—
火	箱	"	—	—

Fruits.

.....	杏仁	lb.	55	35
a).....	金山	"	25	24
b).....	蕉香	"	7	4
.....	楊桃	"	24	12
.....	椰子	each	13	10
.....	檳榔	lb.	10	7

.....	樟	each	10	7
a)	金山樟	each	6	8
.....	荔枝干	lb.	35	25
b)	新會甜橙	"	12	—
.....	橙	"	12	—
.....	沙梨	"	12	—

.....	花	生	13	10
go	紅	柿	18	12
.....	大	蕉	4	3
.....	暹	柚	each 15	12
.....	合	桃	lb. 16	—
.....	菩	提	45	—

Vegetables, &c.

..... 鴨	 竹	each	—	—
..... 菜	 菜	lb.	10	—
..... 青	 角	"	22	" 8
..... 紅	 頭	each	3	8
..... 苦	 瓜	lb.	10	—
..... 湯	 瓜	"	6	5

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tion ..	中花	每	—	—

all) ..	細	花	lb.	—	6
.....	金	笋	"	16	8
.....	塘	桑	"	12	10
.....	辣	干	"	80	25
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.....	菜	花	"	12	8

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.....	青瓜	each	5	2
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NOTICES.

THE KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will take place on FRIDAY, 24th inst., at the Club's Pavilion, commencing at 5.45 p.m.

F. WHEELER,
Acting Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, Sept. 13, 1926.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance No. 58 of 1911.

And
In the Matter of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co., Ltd.,
(in Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co., Ltd., (in Voluntary Liquidation) will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 26 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong on Tuesday the 13th Day of October, 1926 at 2.30 p.m.

Hong Kong, 20th September, 1926.

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LI CHIN-NAM,
Liquidators.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SIX YEARLY DRAWING of TWENTY DEBENTURES of the Hong Kong Club (1920 issue—\$500 each) was held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 14th September, 1926, when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:

5	349	435	682
49	368	474	689
65	380	524	703
225	384	561	743
300	425	671	753

and will be payable at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on THURSDAY, the 30th September, 1926, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th September, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 9th October, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Causeway Bay Stables and Hongkong Club Annex.

Entries will close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, 25th September, 1926.

Hongkong, August 31, 1926.

NOTICES.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to Chinese Customs Notification of 13th instant, the Inspector General of Customs now directs that Famine Relief Surtax is to be levied on all goods applied for on or after 1st November, 1925, irrespective of date of shipment to China, i.e. no goods will be exempt from Surtax between 1st November and 31st December inclusive.

N. R. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Customs,
ad interim,
For Kowloon & District,
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 20th Sept., 1926.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Account to 31st July, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th SEPTEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order
M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th September, 1926.

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Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1926.

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19, Queen's Road C. 1st floor.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of September, 1926, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon City in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rent	Upper Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 102	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of September, 1926, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rent	Upper Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 102	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft. ft. ft.

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Iron and Teak Single and Double Bedsteads with Mattresses, Teak Dressing Tables with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Chamber Stand, Screens, Toilet Sets, etc., etc.

ALSO
A Few Pieces of Canton Carved Blackwood Ware

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7 Enamelled Baths,
2 Shanghai Baths,
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On View from Thursday, the 23rd September, 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1926.

THE Undersigned have received instructions, from Messrs. Deacons to sell by Public Auction

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Comprising:—

Teak hat-rack with bevelled mirror, mirrors, Chesterfield couch and chairs, Tapestry covered armchairs and chairs, overmantel, tables, carpets, curtains, water-colours, pictures, statues, brass fenders, brass ornaments, electric light fittings, books, etc., etc.

Teak sideboard, teak dining table, teak and cane seat, dining chairs, teak glass cabinet, Dinner service, Cut glass, Glass-ware, Silver-ware, E.P. ware, teak ice chest, ceiling and table fans, ceiling and table lights with silk shades, linen, etc., etc.

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ALSO
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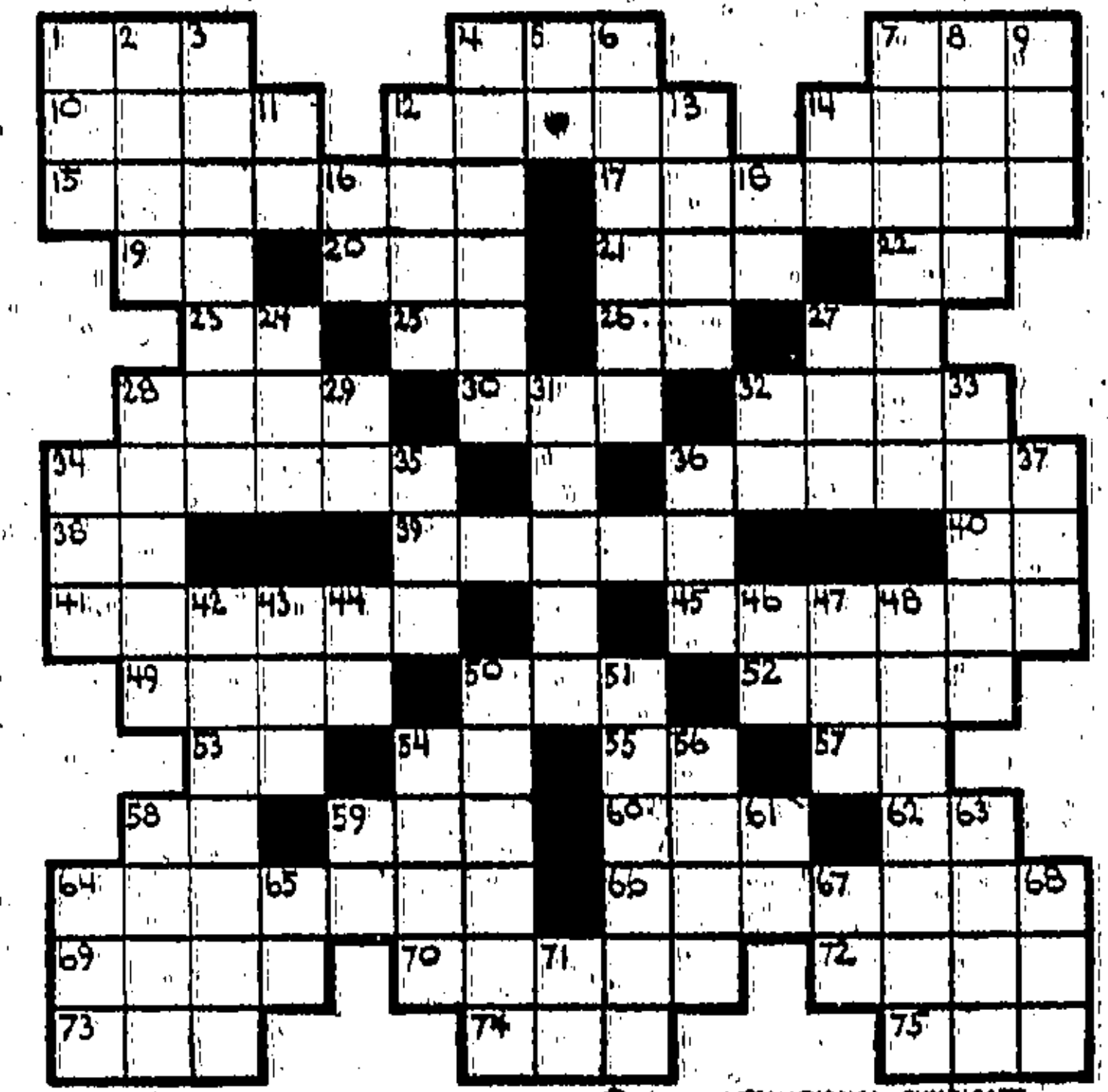
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Hong Kong, 21st Sept., 1926.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1—An animal.	33—Prefix. Back	24—Owens
4—Clear of	54—Musical note	27—Adverb
7—Close relation (abbr.)	55—Close to	28—Corrupt
10—Clock face	57—Half an am	29—Myself
12—Revealed	58—Afternoon	31—Country of Asia
14—Barren	59—Morose	32—Interjection
15—Splinters	60—Suffix denoting condition	33—Hurt
17—Contract	62—Tantalum (chem. sym.)	34—One (Sept.)
19—A holy person (abbr.)	64—Percolating	35—Rest
20—Spasmodic twitching of muscles	65—Striking	36—A color
21—To feed	66—Sties	37—Suffix to form feminine nouns
22—Point of compass (abbr.)	70—Prevent from acting	42—Anger
23—Interjection	72—Eagle	43—The English navy (abbr.)
25—Mother	73—Skill	46—Opposed to wrong
26—S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)	74—Unexploded shell	47—Raw metal
27—Meaning "all right" (abbr.)	75—Verily	48—Frosty
28—English street-car	1—A degree (abbr.)	50—Killed, as game
30—Cover	2—Lubricates	51—Elevated
32—Color shades	3—Ankle covering (pl.)	52—Affectionate
34—A flower-head	4—Klave	56—Former Russian ruler
35—Clatter	5—Island W. of Europe (abbr.)	58—English noble
38—Female power of the sun (Sci. Myth.)	6—Rely for support	59—Prefix. Two
39—To sow	7—Breast of an animal	61—The (Spanish)
40—Combining form. Equal	8—Ascend	63—Girl's name
41—Unbroken	9—Brief poem	64—Mineral spring
42—Overpowers	11—Liver (abbr.)	65—Afterthought to letter (abbr.)
43—Lacerated	13—Sixty grains	67—That is (Latin)
46—Hinder	14—Part of verb "to bat"	68—Beverage
52—Trim	16—Diminutive suffix	71—A weekday (abbr.)
	18—Division of Bible (abbr.)	

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Charles Selden, from Plainfield, New Jersey.

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S. BLACK,

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Hong Kong Station Sept. 16, 1926.

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PICKETS AGAIN.

ALLEGED INTERFERENCE ON RIVER.

TRADE DEVELOPMENTS.

From reliable sources the "China Mail" learns that "strike" pickets have been again active—mostly at night—in and near Canton harbour.

Last night the Indo-China s.s. "Cheongshing" returned from Canton, but she brought down no cargo or passengers.

Native passengers who came down yesterday on the Steamboat Co.'s "Lungshan" allege that pickets were prowling around the anchorage in the small hours of the morning, but at a safe distance from the British Naval vessels.

Pickets are also stated to have watched the usual "jumping-off" points from the shore and interference on the water-front continued.

In spite of what has occurred, cargo was brought down by the "Lungshan," comprising vegetables, fresh water fish and produce.

A Chinese merchant is of the opinion that more freight would be forthcoming for ocean-going tonnage for direct shipment to Shanghai and other North China ports, with the usual call at Hong Kong. He believes that once the old service (North China-Hong Kong-Canton) is set in motion without transshipment is in operation, traders will have more confidence.

A vernacular report from Canton predicts that the Steamboat Co.'s fleet (including the China Navigation "Fatsan" which is run in conjunction) will be going alongside the West Bund wharves very soon. The paper points to so-called repairs at the wharves in preparation for this step.

No confirmation has been forthcoming from those concerned that the change from the present arrangement of anchoring in the stream is intended.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Tilawa (6153) Bri. from Yokohama and Amoy; M. M. & Co. Hop. Sang (1359) Bri. from Taingtau and Poochow; J. M. & Co. Glenogle (5880) Bri. from Vladivostok and Shanghai; J. M. & Co. Springfield (3158) Bri. from Taku Bar; Bank Line. Clydebank (3155) Bri. from New York and Hoiho; Bank Line. Benavolich (2222) Bri. from London and Manila; G. Livingston. Apoc (3776) Bri. from Saigon; Ho Fat Sing. Hai Ning (832) Bri. from Amoy; Douglas. Tonjer (1940) Norwegian from Chinwangtao; Dodwell & Co. Saarland (4076) German, from Hamburg and Singapore; Jebsen & Co. Kamo Maru (4386) Japanese, from London and Singapore; N. Y. K. Cheongshing (1256) Bri. from Canton; J. M. & Co.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

The s.s. "Glenogle" of the Glen Line, arrived yesterday afternoon with no cargo for Hong Kong. She has on board about 10,500 tons of through cargo consisting of soyab beans and tea. She will sail this afternoon for London with 300 tons of general cargo from here.

With 6 first-cabin passengers from Japan and about 14 from Hong Kong, besides over 500 tons of cargo, the s.s. "Tango Maru" sailed this afternoon for Australia via Manila. She also carried mail.

The German steamer "Saarland" arrived this morning from Hamburg via Manila and Singapore. She brought 780 tons of cargo mostly consisting of dyes and ammonia. Besides mail for Hong Kong, Messrs. Jebsen & Co. will despatch her to-morrow morning for Shanghai.

With a cargo consisting of 2,500 tons of rice, 200 tons general merchandise, 160 tons of firewood, and mail for Hong Kong the s.s. "Apoc" (Messrs. We Fat Sing) arrived yesterday at 10 p.m. Her departure has not yet been announced.

Two steamers of the Swedish East Asiatic Co. (local agents Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd.) are due here on October 29. On September 19 the "Sumatra" left Antwerp and the "Japan" from Rotterdam.

Two President liners are sailing to-day from Manila. The "President Madison" of the Admiral Oriental Line is bound for Seattle via ports, and the "President Taft" of the Dollar Line is going to San Francisco. Both steamers are due here on Friday morning.

With a cargo of 3,500 tons of coal for Hong Kong, the s.s. "Tonjer" arrived yesterday from Chinwangtao. Her date of departure has not yet been announced by Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. the local agents.

Bound for Swatow and Shanghai, the s.s. "Sunning" will sail to-morrow at 10 a.m. and the s.s. "Teen" will leave to-morrow for Haiphong and Hoihow at daylight.

From London via Manila, the "Benavolich" arrived last night with a cargo of 1,000 tons of general cargo, and mail for Hong Kong.

The E. & J. steamer "Talma" left Singapore for Hong Kong on September 18 at p.m. with cargo, passengers and the English mail, and is due to arrive here to-morrow at 9 a.m.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British 24
Panama 1
Norwegian 1
German 1
Japanese 5
Chinese 11
Dutch 3
French 1
Portuguese 3
Total 50

Two fishing junk masters were fined \$3 each this morning at the Marine court for mooring in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter without permission.

BUS INCIDENT.

TELEPHONE LABOURER AND EUROPEANS.

ASSAULT SUMMONSES.

A telephone labourer was summoned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to answer a charge of assaulting Mr. T. V. Jeffery and Captain W. E. Weston, master of the s.s. "Ling Nam." The defendant took out cross-summons against both the Europeans.

With the consent of Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, who appeared for the Europeans, and Mr. Leo d'Almada for the Chinese, the summonses were taken together. Opening his case, Mr. Leask said that Captain Weston was seated in the front row of a motor bus and Mr. Jeffery in the second row. Near Jordan Road the defendant entered the first class and dropped a coil of telephone wire on the floor.

Captain Weston remonstrated with the defendant for throwing the wire on his foot. He then asked the conductor to see that the defendant paid for his ticket, whereupon the defendant took out a monthly ticket and "shot it in Captain Weston's face," remarking that it had nothing whatever to do with either of the two gentlemen. (Mr. Jeffery had interfered by interpreting to the conductor what the other had to say about the ticket).

A fight was then stated to have ensued with the result that all the parties were taken to the Police Station.

After hearing evidence, case was adjourned until Saturday morning.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

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Sandakan <td>Arrival<td>SUNDAY<td>October 3</td></td></td>	Arrival <td>SUNDAY<td>October 3</td></td>	SUNDAY <td>October 3</td>	October 3
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Mr. G. P. Lammert and family
desire to thank their friends for
the many expressions of sympathy
in their bereavement and also those
who attended the funeral ceremony
and sent floral tributes.

Hongkong, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1926.

MERE EVASION.

Following a vitriolic speech by
Mr. Sun Fo, Mayor of Canton, the
Acting British Consul-General, at
the instance of the Government
of Hong Kong, has endeavoured
to pin down the Canton Govern-
ment in regard to its connection
with the strike and the boycott.
The Canton Government was asked
whether it is or is not the policy
of the present Canton Govern-
ment to support "the Canton
strikers," whether it is or is not
the policy of the present Canton
Government to inflict such injury
as it can upon Hong Kong, and
whether it is or is not the policy
of the present Canton Govern-
ment to "develop the anti-British
boycott throughout China."

Mr. Eugene Chen's answer to
these questions is, as was only to
be expected, in the negative! He
endeavours to make out that Mr.
Sun Fo was expressing only the
views of Mr. Sun Fo, although he
—Mr. Eugene Chen—never
took the trouble to dis-
sociate the Canton Government
from the speech in question,
which was reported as long ago
as August 27. That speech opened
with the phrase: "Opinions of
our Party and Government regard-
ing the Sino-British negotia-
tions." That speech stated:
"Our National Government is one
which represents the people in
their interests—they have still
more to exert themselves to sup-
port the strike until final victory
is achieved." Again, said Mr.
Sun Fo, Mayor of Canton and a
member of the Central Execu-
tive Council of the Government of
Canton: "The National Govern-
ment is a kind mother to the
workmen and... the strikers
are brave sons of the National
Government."

In every sentence he uttered
Mr. Sun Fo appears to have gone
out of his way to associate the
National Government with the
strike and the boycott. In spite
of the fact that a strict censorship

prevails over the vernacular news-
papers in Canton the Man Kwok
Yat Po was permitted to publish
the speech of Mr. Sun Fo in full,
apparently without the alteration
of a single comma. It was made,
as we have previously indicated,
with the express intention of ex-
pressing the "opinions of our
party and Government" and with
the object of contriving the con-
demnation of the Governor of
Hong Kong concerning the Canton
Government's connivance with
"pirates and banditti." And from
August 27 until September 16 Mr.
Eugene Chen, did not trouble—
"even with a view to avoiding
misunderstandings in present cir-
cumstances"—to let it be known
that Mr. Sun Fo was speaking
only for Mr. Sun Fo and not for
the Canton Government which is
"the kind mother of the workmen"
and the father of the "brave"
"strikers!"

Further argument with Mr.
Eugene Chen would be futile. A
ream of proofs would be met with
a fopsap of negatives. But he
has yet to be taught that the British
Government will no longer
tolerate either outrages by the
pickets or the continuance and
spread of the anti-British boycott.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHEN TO USE "MADAME"
& "MRS."

LOCAL APPELLATIONS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."—
Sir,—Though we may all
acknowledge certain of these
Chinese militarists to be "notori-
ous," yet I do not think that it
is at all just for us to have an idea
that their wives must necessarily
be the same.

"Ionides" evidently has none of
my view.
"We certainly must admit that
their husbands, regardless of
their notoriety, are distinguished
personalities. Therefore, no mat-
ter what are our feelings against
the men, it is only an act of cour-
tesy on our part that we should
term the ladies "Mesdames," for,
as far as we know, they take no
part in the management of their
husbands' affairs."

Whether we should designate
them by a more polite term is en-
tirely a matter of individual opin-
ion; and I, for my part, can see
no honest reason why this should
not be done.

Enclosing my card,

Yours, etc.,
Dio.

Hong Kong, Sept. 21.

CHOKED DRAINS.

CONTRACTOR WHO RECEIVED
CURSES.

SUMMONS NOW WITHDRAWN.

Appearing before Mr. R. E.
Lindell at the Central Magistracy
this morning for the defendant in
a building prosecution, Mr. L. R.
Andrews referred to his case as the
one in which a "contractor was
cursed at by his client's people."
The owner of the building was
summoned for failing to carry out
some work which resulted in the
choking of drains in a side lane.
On the ground that the contractor
was well paid to carry out the work
properly, it was suggested at the
previous hearing that he should be
held responsible. It was also
stated that the people looking after
the interests of the owner who was
away in Canton had properly cursed
the contractor for his negligence.

Mr. Grimes, of the P.W.D., said
he was now satisfied that every-
thing was in order.
The summons was accordingly
withdrawn.

HELLO, KOWLOON!

CORRESPONDENCE ON PHONE
SERVICE.

K.R.A. & THE COMPANY.

Some time ago a sub-committee
was appointed by the Kowloon
Residents' Association to investi-
gate the cause of certain com-
plaints which had been received re-
garding the telephone system in
Kowloon.

When the sub-committee reported
it was thought that they had dis-
covered just where the trouble
centred, namely the overloading of
positions on the switchboard so that
the operators have more lines than
they can efficiently handle.

Correspondence was entered into
with the Hong Kong Telephone Co.
with the object of confirming the
sub-committee's finding and the
hope of eliciting assurances that
improvements would be made at the
earliest possible date.

Unfortunately co-operation in
this direction on the part of the
Telephone Co. was not forthcoming
and the Committee consider that it
is only fair to themselves that the
correspondence should be publish-
ed that the public may know the
efforts they have made.

Figures Quoted.

This decision was arrived at by
the last meeting of the Committee.
"May 5."

Hong Kong.

Telephone Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—At a meeting of the
general committee of the above
Association, it was stated that at
the central telephone exchange a
minimum of 120 incoming lines
were allotted to each position,
whereas in some cases the number
is 140 and even a few cases 160.
It was also stated that the National
Telephone of Great Britain will
not allow a position to carry more
than 100 incoming lines.

Switchboards & Strain.

It was further stated that in
both the exchanges, Hong Kong &
Kowloon, subscribers above a cer-
tain number have not yet been
allotted any position on the main
switchboard, but are carried on
temporary switchboards which
practically constitute subsidiary
exchanges.

I am directed by the Committee
to enquire whether these state-
ments are correct.

In view of the heavy load which
each position carries and conse-
quent increased strain on the
operators entailing risk of ineffi-
cient service, and in view of the
apparent want of foresight during
recent years resulting in lack of
provision for new subscribers, the
Committee would be glad to be en-
lightened as to the developments
which are now contemplated so
that they may be assured that
these defects will be remedied.

Other Facts Wanted.

The company's reply reads:—

May 27.
Replying to your letter, dated
5th May, the minimum number of
lines allotted per operator at cen-
tral exchange is 100 and the
average 124. With reference to
the comparison made with the
National Telephone Co. of Great
Britain we would point out that
the company ceased to function
about the year 1912.

It is not possible to attempt a
comparison only in terms of the
number of lines allotted per opera-
tor as it is essential to know the
calling rate and other traffic data
before a true comparison can be
made. For example, an exchange
with a calling rate of 1 can bear
twice the number of lines per
operator as an exchange with a
calling rate of 2 and still give an
equal service with no greater
strain on the operators.

Past History.

With reference to the extension
switchboards at Central and Kow-
loon, in the former case work is
in progress which, when com-
pleted, will allow the lines to be
transferred to the main switch-
board. The extension switchboard
at Kowloon is only a temporary
measure and it is the intention to
take this out of service at the ear-
liest possible moment.

Referring to the last paragraph
of your letter we would advise you
that it was not due to lack of fore-
sight that development was retarded
but due (a) to the impossibility
of our predecessors obtaining tele-
phone materials during the war
years and for some considerable
time after the cessation of hostili-
ties (b) failure of negotiations by
the China & Japan Telephone &
Electric Co., Ltd. for a revision of
rates and renewal of licence to
secure long tenure and make the
heavy capital expenditure neces-
sary for development economically
justifiable.

Cross-Harbour Addition.

As regards future development
by this company this will be car-
ried out in accordance with the
Telephone Ordinance 1925, and
the preliminary work necessary in
this respect is even now engaging
our attention. A step in this
direction has been made by the
laying down on the 4th instant,
of a new submarine cable across

the harbour to provide additional
junction facilities between Hong
Kong and Kowloon.

The necessary work of connect-
ing up this cable has now been
completed and the improvement in
the service in this respect must
be evident to the members of your
association.

Pressing A Point.

Again the K.R.A. wrote:—
July 12.

Hong Kong

Telephone Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—I am to thank you
for your letter of May 27,
in reply to ours of May 6,
but at the same time explain that
it does not altogether meet the
questions raised.

It might be as well to explain
at the outset how these questions
arose. The Committee of the
Kowloon Residents' Association
received complaints about the
working of the telephone system
and, while some attributed the
faults to the inefficiency of the
operators, others defended the
operators and blamed the condi-
tions under which they worked. It
was stated that the number of
lines allotted to a single operator
was abnormally high, even as high
as 140 or 160 in several instances.
Thus the Committee was led to in-
quire whether these figures were
correct. Your answer omits to
name the maximum loads for a
single position and, therefore,
misses the point of the Committee's
inquiry.

Is Local Rate High?

We note, however, that you ad-
mit that the average per operator
is 124, and justify that high figure
by the plea that the calling rate
must be taken into account. But,
as the subscribers to your tele-
phones are not limited in their
calls, can you deny that the calling
rate in this Colony, and particu-
larly in Kowloon, is a high one,
and consequently, the position is
made worse by the introduction of
this factor into the calculation?

Comparison was made with the
National Telephone Co. of Great
Britain in the belief that the
system used by that now defunct
company was similar to the anti-
quated system in use in Hong
Kong.

With regard to the second para-
graph of our letter, the Committee
are glad to have a satisfactory
reply.

The New Rates.

With regard to the final part of
our inquiry, let me explain that it
arose in this way. It was stated
in defence of the Telephone Co.
that the space occupied by them
at present is so cramped that there
is no room for proper development.
It was, therefore, decided to ask
for some assurance that the com-
pany was likely soon to extend and
reorganise its undertaking. We
are now told that a step has been
taken in this direction by the lay-
ing down of a new cable across
the harbour. As my Committee
understand that this new cable re-
places one that was laid by your
predecessors, are they to conclude
that although a year has elapsed
since the new company was formed
and the higher subscription
rates were introduced, this is the
only forward movement worth
mentioning that has been made so
far?

Company's Assurance.

The Telephone Co. then re-
plied:—

August 10.

I duly received your letter of
July 12, 1926 and regret that
owing to extreme pressure of
business I have not hitherto been
able further to consider the mat-
ter with a view to forwarding you
a reply.

I have now, as a matter of fact,
referred your letter of May 6,
1926, my reply thereto of
May 27 and your further letter
of July 12, to my board of
directors, and they feel that no
good purpose could be served by
a continuation of correspondence
on the lines of such letters. The
board quite appreciate and sym-
pathise with the object which
prompted you to communicate
with the company, but beg to point
out that the company's desire for
improvement in the telephone ser-
vice in Kowloon is at least equal
as strong as that of the Resi-
dents' Association.

You must therefore kindly
excuse me from replying point by
point to your letter of July 12,
and permit me to assure you
that all that can reasonably and
practically be done to effect both
immediate and ultimate improve-
ments, and extensions is being
done.

THE WEATHER.

The forecast until noon to-mor-
row is east winds, moderate;
fair.

Observatory report at 10.50
a.m.—Pressure has increased
over S. China, Indo-China and the
Philippines, also over Japan. It
has decreased slightly over N.E.
China. The Yangtze Valley de-
pression has moved into the Yel-
low Sea and an anticyclone is

MOONCAKE FEAST.

YESTERDAY'S BIG CHINESE
FESTIVAL.

BLAZE THROUGH "JOSSING."

Moon-cake feast, or the mid-
autumn festival, was appropriately
celebrated by the Chinese yester-
day. Inclement weather notwith-
standing.

A European has asked if the festi-
val is religious. As explained in
Monday's "China Mail," the origin
is mythical but not religious, but
the worshipping of the full moon
may be regarded as a form of reli-
gion.

Firecrackers were heard all day.
Fancy-paper lanterns were lit in
the majority of houses and West
Point was in fête for the occasion.
Nearly every tea-house sold out its
stock of mooncakes.

Through carelessness in worship-
ping, occupants of a house in the
western districts had to flee during
a midnight service as a fire had
broken out.

The day is also one of the four
settling days of the Chinese year.
Of a restricted scale, and with
events as generally anticipated
some days before, there was no un-
usual development. It was felt that
money is plentiful but not circulat-
ing normally.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kowloon, Sept. 17.

Through the presence of cholera,
there has been a very poor demand
for mooncakes for the festival.

PROVIDENT CO.

(Continued from page 1.)

and lay blame to their account
where no liability attaches to them
seems useless.

We are now told that a further
postponement until November is
necessary to enable the Investigat-
ing Committee to complete their
work.

Meanwhile shareholders are left
absolutely in the dark, and I can-
not help feeling that this great
delay is detrimental to the business
of the company and the interests
of shareholders.

Let us get the past squared up
as quickly as possible, write off the
necessary loss, and concentrate our
energies on building up the future
of the company.

Satisfactory Conclusion.
The foregoing remarks are of
necessity made without knowledge
of facts, and are founded on
various rumours which are common
property, and I may be doing the
members of the Investigating Com-
mittee an injustice in offering
these criticisms on their voluntary
work, but I should like to ask whether
this work takes the form of
trying to attach blame to the Con-
sulting Committee, or whether it is
an honest attempt to assist this
committee in bringing things to a
satisfactory conclusion.

Can you therefore, Sir, give to
this meeting an estimated cost of
what the total expenses of this in-
vestigation will amount to, and also
any information in advance of the
full report of the Investigating
Committee, which will help to re-
store public confidence in the com-
pany and allay shareholders' fears?

Not Be Too Hard.

Mr. Shewan's reply was:—
I quite agree with your remarks
as to getting the past cleared up
as soon as possible, but we must
not be too hard on the investigation
committee. They have put a
great deal of work into examination
of intricate and involved accounts
with which they were of course not
familiar and naturally it has taken
a great deal of time.

Mr. da Roza has explained to me
how he arrives at the date Novem-
ber 12 and from what he tells me
I feel pretty sure that this will be
the last postponement and the re-
port will be in shareholders' hands
before that date.

Godown Management.

As to information in advance of
the full report I can say nothing
except that I understand that the
committee of investigation have had
the cargo in godowns carefully
checked by an independent surveyor
and that they are quite satisfied
with the management of the
godowns.

As to the accounts I have nothing
to say at present and am sorry I
cannot give you the information.

It is not easy to calculate the
total expenses of the investigation
but on a rough estimate we think
it will come to about \$40,000 or
over, at any rate under \$50,000.

I think I have answered all your
questions.
On being put to the meeting, the
resolution of postponement (as
stated) was carried without dis-
sent.

probably forming over China. The
trough over the China Sea has
filled up.

Rainfall for the 24 hours end-
ing at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.58 inches.
Total since January 1, 86.23
inches, against an average of
73.37 inches.

"I WENT ASTRAY."

PUISNE JUDGE REVISES DECISION.

ON A RENT'S CASE.

On the grounds that he "went astray" on a certain point, Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning, revised a judgment given on a claim by a landlord against M. Albert Guadet, proprietor of Cafe Albert, in respect of rent for his residence.

In a previous judgment His Honour found for defendants on claim and counterclaim (defendant alleged that he had paid the rent as well as had certain fittings put in the house for which the landlord was liable).

This morning, His Honour said that, with the help of the able argument submitted by Mr. M. K. Lo, an error in his original judgment had been shown. He had given judgment for the tenant on the landlord's claim for rent on the supposition that his defence to the claim was "release" in respect of it.

"This defence had been supported by the evidence furnished for the landlord. 'It seemed to me,' said His Honour, 'that the landlord was estopped by his agent's conduct from denying the release. I gave judgment for the tenant, as I now think, on insufficient consideration.'

"The distinction between 'release' and 'payment' had been kept clearly before my mind. If the plea of 'release' was to be relied upon, 'it was necessary' to prove that something, less than full payment, was expected in satisfaction of the claim."

"On the other hand, a plea of 'payment' necessitated proof of payment of the claim in full. This is a case where pleadings would have been of service in defining the real issues. 'Release' was, in fact, never a part of the tenant's own case. It was suggested solely from the evidence of the landlord's agent. The tenant's case was 'payment' not 'release.'

"I went astray," continued His Honour, "in assuming that it was immaterial to find whether the landlord's receipt was issued for cash or for some other consideration. 'The question is, material for the reason that the issue raised by the tenant's defence was 'payment' and nothing else, i.e., cash payment or no cash payment."

"On this issue, again, the landlord's case is not hampered by estoppel. The receipt given is a final discharge for the claim for rent, for the rent was paid in full and not otherwise. The landlord, having given the receipt to the tenant, is not thereby estopped from claiming a payment of rent from him, for the rent has not been, in fact, paid. The onus of proving payment is thereby on the tenant."

"As I have previously explained, I have not been satisfied that payment has been either proved or disproved by the evidence in the case. On these grounds, I now consider that judgment should be given for the landlord on the claim. The judgment on the counterclaim is re-affirmed, each party to pay their own costs."

VINEGAR CASE.

SUMMONS AGAINST CHINESE DEALER.

PROSECUTION FAILS.

An interesting point arose in the prosecution brought by the Sanitary Department against a Shaan-tung shopkeeper for selling vinegar which did not approach the universal standard of 4 per cent. acetic acid content.

Both Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government Analyst, and Dr. A. G. M. Severn (Assistant M.O.H.) were present this morning to hear the decision of Mr. R. E. Lindell since the adjournment made last week to enable him to look up old cases.

Questioned by the Magistrate, Sanitary Inspector Gregor said he was unaware that there were two kinds of vinegar sold in the Colony.

Mr. Lindell said he was satisfied that there were two sorts of 'vinegar' sold. If a customer went to a shop and asked for 'Choi' he would get Chinese vinegar, and if he asked for foreign vinegar he was entitled to get vinegar with 4 per cent. acetic acid. In the present case Chinese vinegar was asked for and this was supplied. No offence had therefore been committed.

Dr. Severn pointed out that the defendant supplies the Chinese shops with this vinegar and, they sell it in bottles.

His Worship held there was no proof of this, and said the proper remedy was to proceed against the shops selling Chinese vinegar in bottles with the word 'vinegar' printed in English.

The summons was dismissed.

WEST POINT FIRE.

MEDICINE SHOP ABLAZE AT MIDNIGHT.

\$2,500 DAMAGE.

At 12.45 this morning the Central Fire Station received a call to deal with a fire which had broken out at No. 138, Queen's Road West, ground floor, used as a Chinese medicine shop.

Appliances from Kennedy Town and Central Station arrived simultaneously on the scene, followed by the Wanchai equipment on a "home call" sent five minutes later.

On the arrival of the Brigade, the contents of the floor, which comprised in addition to herbs a large quantity of bottled drugs, were well alight. With two deliveries working from the front and rear of the shop, the fire was extinguished in ten minutes.

Although the greater part of the stock was destroyed or otherwise damaged by water, the timely arrival of the Brigade and their quick work saved some portions of the fittings and confined the fire to the ground floor. There being no staircase inside the building, the fire did not spread to the two upper floors, which were practically untouched.

On investigations being made, the fire was found to have started from burning joss sticks placed under wooden shelves. These contained cardboard boxes which quickly came within the range of the fire and in turn set alight the dry stocks of medicine leaves.

The contents of the medicine shop were insured for \$1,100 jointly between the Heung On Insurance Company and the Sincere Company. Including stock, fittings and fire damage to the ground floor of the building, the total loss is estimated at about \$2,500.

THE STAVRINAKIS.

WILL OPEN THEIR SEASON TO-MORROW.

By the T.S.S. "Glenloch" yesterday afternoon arrived the members of the "Stavrinaki Dancers," a company of twenty who are to open their season to-morrow night at the Theatre Royal. The management of the troupe is in the hands of Mrs. Stavrinaki, who, it might be remembered, was promoter of the Moskov State Ballet, which visited Hong Kong during the last year.

Members of the Stavrinaki Dancers include Mlle. M. Smirnova, Prima Ballerina, who came only lately to the East after 18 months of successful work in Paris and the rest of France. Mlle. Smirnova will delight the Hong Kong



Mr. D. Ponaotakis.

A well-known Russian painter who designed the decorations and costumes for the Stavrinaki Dancers who are opening their season to-morrow at the Theatre Royal.

audience not only as a finished dancer of the highest standard, but also with her splendid costumes, designed especially for this tour by the famous French dressmaker Poiret.

Mr. B. Krupin, solo dancer and Smirnova's partner, has for a long time been the ballet master at the Carlton in Shanghai and has already made his bow to local theatre-goers. Mr. Krupin is a true representative of the classical Russian school of ballet, having been a pupil of Fokin and the famous Nijinsky for over twenty years.

While these two are the foremost members of the Stavrinaki Dancers, the rest of the troupe will be found to include a number of young and talented members. As a matter of fact it is the special pride and the special feature of the Stavrinaki Dancers, to include in its company only highly talented and individually gifted artists.

But the public must judge for themselves.

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NO POWER?

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Limited Jurisdiction.

"The jurisdiction of this court," said Mr. Alabaster, "extends over acts committed within the territorial waters of the Colony; secondly over persons on board British ships in foreign waters in places where big ships go; thirdly over those waters generally known as the high seas which are under no territorial jurisdiction of any country but are free to the world."

"But it does not, however, extend to acts committed by foreigners in foreign waters or on foreign land. In fact, piracy on the high seas which is justiciable in every country is an entirely separate and distinct offence from piracy by municipal law of each different nation."

In support of his argument, Mr. Alabaster cited many legal cases, including the case of Kwok Ah-sing, a Chinese arrested in Hong Kong on a charge of murder and piracy aboard a French vessel fifty miles from the coast of China. Whilst detained in Hong Kong for extradition, proceedings were taken under Habeas Corpus, as a result of which he was released. He was then re-arrested for piracy on the high seas and again released under Habeas Corpus on the grounds that he could not be indicted twice for the same offence.

"Two Separate Things."

When the case was taken to the Privy Council it was held that the second release was wrong in that piracy on the high seas and piracy under municipal law were two separate and distinct crimes.

Reading from the judgment Mr. Alabaster said that any nation might make its own laws for dealing with offences committed by its own subjects outside its own territory, but the general principle of criminal jurisprudence was that the quality of the act done depended on the law of the place where it is committed.

The offence which these people have committed, assuming for the purposes of my argument that the Crown has proved its case, continued Mr. Alabaster, is an offence against the law of China for which the remedy of the Crown is to hold them pending an application from the Chinese authorities for their extradition. Under the present Ordinance, amended to more strongly emphasise the point subsequent to the Kwok Ah-sing case, Chinese subjects committing crimes within the jurisdiction of China have to be surrendered to the Chinese authorities even though the case might be a piracy "jurisdiction" (by the law of the nations).

In Kwok Ah-sing's case it was stated, further contended Mr. Alabaster, that piracy on the high seas was robbery within Admiralty jurisdiction and in case it should be argued by the Crown that the Admiralty jurisdiction extended to rivers in foreign countries below the bridges where great ships go, he (Mr. Alabaster) must anticipate it by stating that this jurisdiction of the Admiralty was limited to British ships.

Mr. Alabaster cited cases on the point.

"A Great Surprise."

Mr. Dyer Hall, for the Crown, said that the defence had come as a great surprise to him. He submitted that the defence should have been made before the charge was put.

His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood) said that that could hardly be done until evidence had been called as to locality.

Eventually, His Honour adjourned the case until the afternoon for legal argument as to whether the onus was on the Crown or prisoners' counsel to prove whether the offence was committed within territorial waters.

BELGIAN PRINCE.

ENGAGED TO SWEDISH PRINCESS.

Stockholm, Sept. 21. The betrothal is announced of Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and Princess Astrid of Sweden, a niece of the Kings of Sweden and Denmark.—Reuter.

LEAGUE FINANCE.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

Geneva, Sept. 21. The Budget Committee adopted the estimates for 1927 for the International Labour Office, amounting to 7,071,165 francs.—Reuter.

NO COERCION.

MINERS' VIEW OF NEW PROPOSALS.

REPLY TO MR. BALDWIN.

London, Sept. 21.

The miners' executive yesterday and to-day discussed the letter from the Prime Minister to the Miners' secretary on September 18 in which Mr. Baldwin stated that the Mining Association declined to make a national agreement with the Miners' Federation but the Association declared that the coal owners in all districts were willing to observe the main principles which a national agreement would be designed to secure.

Mr. Baldwin's letter enclosed a memorandum explaining the National Arbitration Tribunal which the Government would establish, fulfilling the conclusion of a national agreement—as soon as work was generally resumed. Though provisional settlements might be made locally the Tribunal might confirm or modify such settlements on appeal.

Terms Not Just!

The Miners' Executive today replied that in the event of the stoppage being prolonged by an attempt to force back the miners on district agreements the responsibility would rest with the Government and the owners. The miners adhered to the principle of national negotiations and agreements. They desired an honourable settlement, but would not be coerced into accepting terms which they considered unjust.—Reuter.

No Change.

London, Sept. 21.

A number of the Miners' Executive conferred with Mr. Baldwin this evening for an hour and a half. They afterwards declared that from the miners' viewpoint there had been "little or no change in the position."

Messrs. Cook, Herbert Smith, and two others remained behind to continue the discussion.—Reuter.

Nearly A Deadlock.

London, Sept. 21.

The coal conversations continued at Downing Street till one o'clock when it was officially announced that they are being resumed later to-day.

A flat rejection of the Government's proposals and an inevitable deadlock were narrowly averted during the two days' discussion of the proposals by the Miners' Executive. The leaders decided to ask Mr. Baldwin for an interview to explain what they regarded as a wide divergence between Mr. Churchill's scheme—which the miners interpreted as confirmation by the Government of the principle of national negotiations and agreements—and Mr. Baldwin's proposals, which the miners contend are diametrically opposed to those of Mr. Churchill.

The miners are particularly suspicious of Mr. Baldwin's National Arbitration Tribunal. They suggest that if there must be one it should be established before the men resume work as a guarantee of good faith.—Reuter.

Object of Parley.

Rugby, Sept. 21.

After spending two days in considering the Government's proposals of September 17 for a settlement of the coal dispute, the Miners' Executive this afternoon sent a reply to Mr. Baldwin.

The executive declare that the proposals, if carried out, would involve an entire surrender of the principle of national negotiations and agreements. They claim that Mr. Winston Churchill on September 8, whilst not excluding district discussions, affirmed the Government's adherence to the principle of national negotiations and agreements.

The executive add:—"If a genuine and lasting peace is to be achieved it must rest on a frank recognition of the fact that, whatever may be the difference between the districts the miners of Great Britain form a single body with common interests, and that they are entitled to insist that those interested shall continue to be protected by their national organisation."

In one sentence of the letter the Executive point out that the Government has not yet specified the construction of the National Tribunal, to which it proposes that district agreements shall be referred.

After the despatch of this letter to Mr. Baldwin, it became known that the Miners' Executive—without awaiting a reply from the Prime Minister—had requested an interview with him, and that a meeting had been arranged for a late hour to-night.

It is understood that the object of the Executive is to get a further explanation of the Government's proposals. The Executive wish, inter alia, to know how the Government proposes to constitute the National Appeal Tribunal and whether, if the Tribunal were set up, this could be done simultaneously with the return of men to work instead of a prior resumption of work being a condition of its establishment.—British Wireless Service.

NEW ENTENTE.

FRENCH RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

ANOTHER ADVANCE.

Paris, Sept. 21.

A communique states that after M. Briand had reported his conversations with Dr. Brüning at Thoiry the Council of Ministers reached a unanimous opinion regarding the interest thereof and the utility of pursuing them.

The next meeting of the Council will examine the Technical problems which these negotiations may involve.—Reuter.

REBELS REPULSED.

ATTEMPTED CAPTURE OF RAMA.

THREE-HOURS' BATTLE.

Managua, Sept. 21.

The revolutionaries in Nicaragua attempted to capture Rama and were repulsed after a three-hours' battle, there being eight killed and 12 wounded.

American aviators employed in the Nicaraguan Constabulary are receiving \$1,000 for each flight over the Bluefields in the course of the operations against the rebels.—Reuter's American Service.

SOLDIER'S FURY.

WRECK OF A DUTCH CANTINE.

N.C.O. KILLED.

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.

The newspapers report that serious disorders have broken out among the troops at Assen who were undergoing their annual manoeuvres. It is believed that the disorders were prearranged, as ball cartridges were recently missing. A long route march in the sweltering heat yesterday was apparently the climax to the situation. On their return to barracks the men smashed the windows and wrecked the canteen. An N.C.O. was killed by rifle bullet, and there were other minor casualties.

No arrests have been made, but the Twelfth Regiment has been confined to barracks and an official investigation is being made.—Reuter.

DUTCH POLITICS.

ECONOMIC RESTORATION PROCEEDING.

The Hague, Sept. 21.

In the speech from the Throne at the opening of the States-General, the Queen stated the situation of the country gave ground for gratitude in many respects. Although shadows were not lacking, the economic restoration was proceeding very gradually. The country's financial situation demanded constant care as a reduction of the burdens imposed on the population was an indispensable condition for a durable improvement of the economic situation. This could be only achieved by careful financial administration. The Queen expressed gratification that the League of Nations had gained importance by the entry of Germany.

Bills foreshadowed include a measure to provide that Dutchmen living outside the country should bear an equitable share of the income and Capital Taxes and render their property liable to Succession Duty.

It is also proposed to ratify certain draft conventions for the international organisation of labour. The speech stated that the new Constitution for the Dutch East Indies would come completely into force next Spring. A policy aiming at prosperity for that colony would be energetically pursued and particularly in the interest of the native population.—Reuter.

POOR DEBTORS!

MELLON AS HARD AS NAILS.

Washington, Sept. 21.

Mr. Mellon has informed President Coolidge, on his first visit after his return from Europe, that there was no reason for any change in the American policy of insistence in the collection of war debts. He assured him that the trade prospects of the world were bright and he believed the debt settlements would be no burden to the debtor nations. He felt that France would ratify the Debt Agreement.

Mr. Mellon agreed with President Coolidge that the question of reductions of taxation should await at least another year.—Reuter's American Service.

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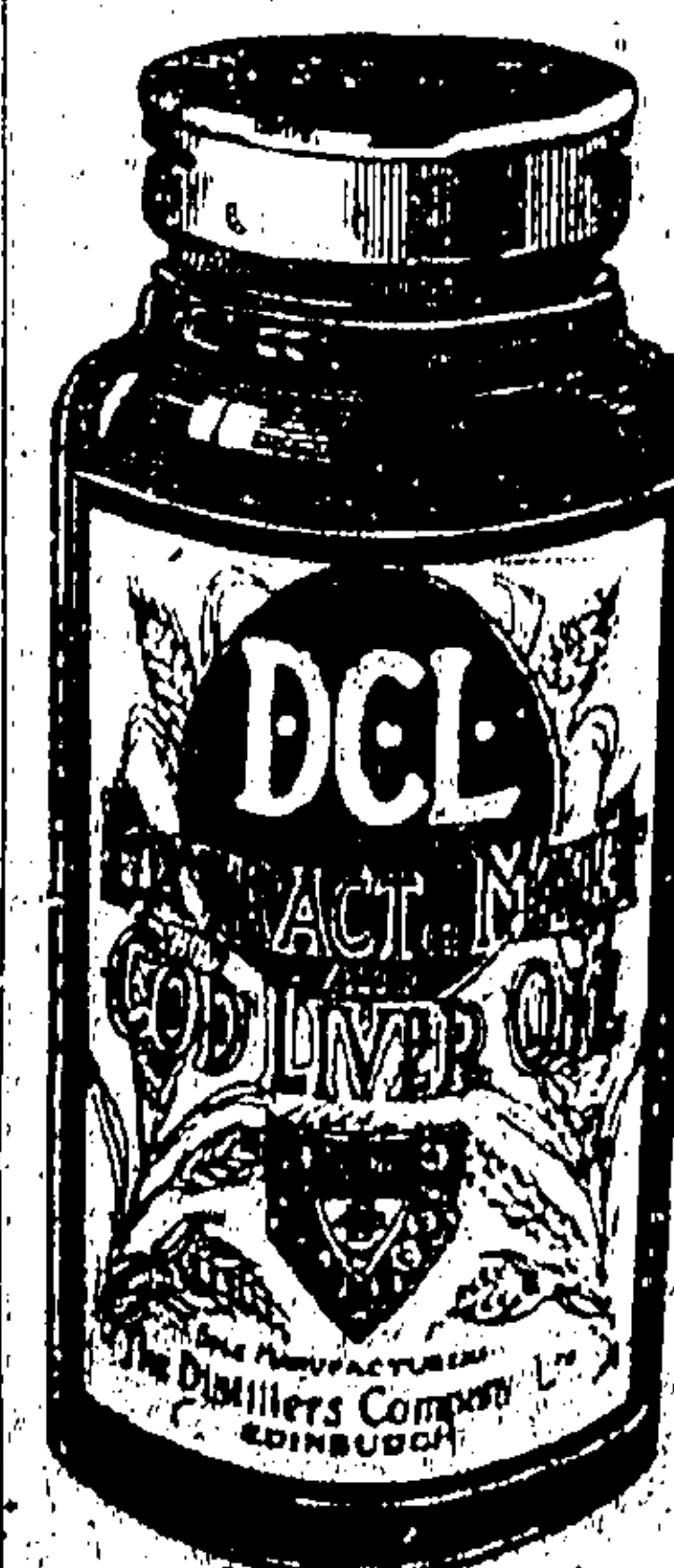
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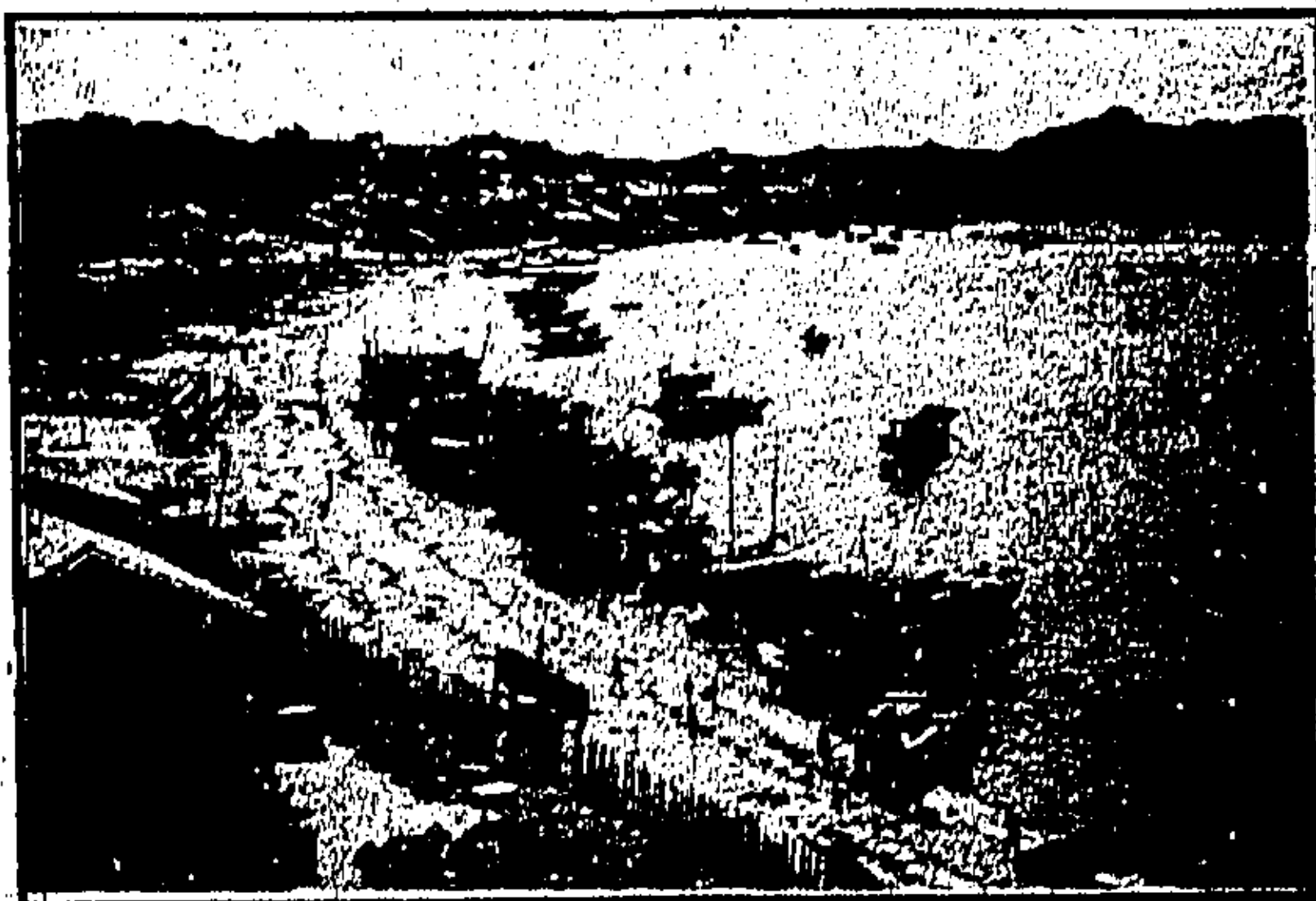
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Two sales by auction of Crown Land are announced by an advertisement in this issue.

Two fresh cases of enteric fever (typhoid) were reported on Tuesday. Both patients are Chinese from the city district.

At the end of this month, when two motor-lifeboats are completed, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will have 60 motor-lifeboats.

Nos. 30 and 31, Argyle Street, Mongkoktsui, Kowloon, were sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday by order of the mortgagee, Mr. Lau, Ho-shi, became the owner at \$8,200, \$200 above upset price.

Yokohama, September 14.—Eight members of the crew of the steamer "Koyo Maru" were killed in the explosion yesterday on that ship which is in the drydock for repairs. Four others are missing and it is believed they were killed. All are Japanese.

Fez, September 13.—The Spanish front in Morocco is showing renewed activity, following reports that the "Riffian" tribesmen are gathering under the leadership of "Beni Khelid." A Spanish convoy was attacked by the tribesmen, but without casualties. Two Spanish regiments are reported as surrounded by the insurgent forces, and the French are doubling their forces on the Northern frontier, in preparation for a further outbreak among the warlike "Riffians."

The tradespeople of Marseilles and district have received an unpleasant shock through the suspension of payments by the Bank of Marseilles, which had a capital of \$5,000,000, and was used principally by small tradespeople. There was general astonishment when it failed to open its doors on August 17, but the explanation was forthcoming in a letter which the director had left on his desk in an envelope marked "To be opened on Tuesday morning." This, it is stated, contained an admission of the bank's difficulties. Liabilities amount to \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000.

In Parliament Mr. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was no intention of abolishing the three-penny bit, which was increasingly popular, especially in the northern portion of the kingdom.

Tokyo, September 17.—The Tokyo Branch of the Chinese Kuomintang distributed handbills throughout the city to-day explaining their attitude with regard to the issue between China and Great Britain. It is intended to hold a mass meeting of Chinese students to-morrow to protest against the British action at Wanchien.

Chinese reports state that a plot has been discovered by the Shanghai Chinese authorities on the part of Canton agents, who are enlisting as spies in the "Allied" forces and waiting their chance to assassinate "Allied" generals and leaders. No arrests have been made in connection with the discovery, and some uneasiness is felt. The authorities are redoubting their efforts against intrigue.

At the monthly general meeting of the Zoological Society, held at the offices in Regent's Park, it was reported that the total number of visitors to the society's gardens for the month of July had been 24,612 and the total number for the year up to the end of July had been 1,010,335, an increase of 48,039 as compared with the same period of last year. The number of visitors to the society's aquarium for July had been 54,154 and for the year up to the end of July 230,678.

Peking, September 13.—There was a meeting of the Extraterritoriality Commission at Chu Jen-tang at half past two this afternoon. All the foreign delegates now in Peking were present. The meeting was a brief one and discussed measures to be taken to conclude the work of the commission as soon as possible. Mr. Silas Strawn, the American Delegate and Chairman of the Commission is anxious to leave Peking for home. The commission will again meet at the same place, next Wednesday, when Mr. Saburi, the Japanese delegate, is expected to reach Peking in time to attend the meeting.

Washington, September 13.—Because of the epidemic of recent mail robberies the federal postal authorities issued orders to all mail clerks and postmasters to keep themselves adequately armed at all times and "shoot to kill."

Atlantic City, September 11.—An unbobbed girl from Okla-homa was to-day crowned as Miss America. Miss Norma Smallwood, eighteen years old, from Tulsa, received the prize and the honour of being chosen as America's most beautiful maiden.

Ecclesfield, England, August 31.—Hoping to encourage courtship and marriage, the Wortley district council has closed two miles of country lanes near here to all but pedestrian traffic for the benefit of spooning couples. The lane, though its official title is Whiteley Lane, has long been known as Lovers' Lane. There had been complaints in recent months that motorists were making quiet spooning impossible.

Peking, September 11.—Mail correspondence from Kaifeng states that the "Red Spears" recently disbanded by the authorities have now been replaced by a new organisation calling itself the "Green Spears." Its members are said to be largely idlers, peasants who have been robbed of their belongings by the soldiery, bandits and others. The countryside wherever they operate, is said to be suffering a reign of terror.

Montreal, August 9.—The Bishop of London officiated at the baptism of a Mennonite child born during the voyage of the liner "Metagama" from Glasgow, christening it Nicholas Patrick Metagama Dyck. The godparents were Lady Cecil and Brigadier-General H. T. Hughes. The ceremony was performed on the liner's deck in the presence of 160 cousins of the infant who formed more than half of a group of 300 Mennonites aboard. The births of all infants born under the British flag on the high seas are registered in the Stepney parish of the diocese of the Bishop of London.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Sir Newton Stabb was among recent visitors to Glenelg Hotel, Perthshire.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, managing-director of Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotel, Ltd., arrived at Southampton on August 24 by the R.M.S. "Mauretania."

The late Mr. Adam Johnstone McClure, of Dikons, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, and late of Yokohama, largely interested in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China (personal estate in Great Britain) left estate valued for probate at \$35,222.

It is announced that the wedding will take place in Hong Kong on Saturday, September 25, of Doreen Holgate and Lieut. H. M. A. Day, R.N. This event is of considerable interest to Shanghai as Miss Holgate, who is the younger daughter of Mr. Harold Holgate, went there as a very young girl and has spent several years in the port.

The wedding of Joseph Edward Bodeley, barrister-at-law, of Shanghai, only son of the late Mr. E. J. Bodeley, of the Hong Kong Civil Service, and of Mrs. Bodeley, of St. John's Wood, N.W., and Evelyn Holmes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, of Hurn View, Beverley, will take place in Hongkong at the beginning of November.

Messrs. B. Wylie ("S. C. M. Post"), M. F. Key (Chamber of Commerce), C. M. McDonald ("China Mail") and W. Kay (Queen's College), have been climbing together in Scotland. On his way from Australia, on the steamer "Largs Bay," a big sea came aboard and knocked Mr. McDonald over, with the result that he broke a couple of ribs and had to lie up in the ship's hospital for 10 days.

Rear-Admiral Ernest Wigram, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C.—well known on the China Station—just promoted to flag rank, is a brother of Colonel Olive Wigram, C.B., C.V.O., C.S.I., Assistant Private Secretary to the King. Colonel Wigram is the oldest son and Rear-Admiral Wigram is the third son of the late Mr. Herbert Wigram, Madras Civil Service, and of course, are associated in family ties with the Fitz-Wygram family. Last month Rear-Admiral Wigram was appointed naval A.D.C. to His Majesty, which appointment he now relinquishes.

Among latest acquisitions shown at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, is a 16th century Chinese set of implements for a writer's table, the gift of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Simla, August 19.—Thanks to the generous donations given by various regiments and others, \$5,000 rupees have now been raised towards an Army in India polo team to visit America. Hurlingham Club has allotted its share of gate money, estimated at \$5,000, and also, subject to certain conditions, a sum for the purchase of some ponies in England. The stewards of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club have donated 15,000 rupees and offered a loan, without interest, under certain guarantees. The Maharaja of Jodhpur has subscribed 10,000 rupees and has offered the committee a certain number of ponies. About 180,000 rupees are still wanted.



Princess Flora, formerly Mrs. Frank J. Gould, and Oscar Burke, divorced in the Paris courts.

Vienna, August 18.—Felix, Prince of Luxembourg, the husband of the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, while driving a motor-car near Steinhach, collided with another car. Fortunately no one was injured.—Reuter.

Peking, September 11.—Mr. Wang Ying-tai, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, telegraphed to Marshal Chang Tso-lin yesterday, informing him of the departure of M. Karakhan, saying that no representative of the Waichiaopu was present at the Chienmen station, to see him off.

The wedding took place last Wednesday by special licence, before Mr. G. A. Hereford, Penang, of Mr. Claude Singleton Evans, manager, Straits Trading Company, P. M. B. Brani, Singapore, and Mrs. Christian C. Chivers, who arrived from home by the Blue Funnel liner "Patroclus."—"S Echo."

The Shanghai interport swimmers who returned on September 16 from Japan on the N.Y.K. "Siberia Maru" expressed keenest delight at the splendid reception that had been given them in Kobe. The weather was hardly ideal for swimming, the water all the time being somewhat choppy, but nevertheless some excellent sport was seen. The Kobe team has promised to arrange a return visit to Shanghai at the earliest moment.

Peking, September 10.—A list of books for children will be compiled by the Association for Child Study of the Normal University. After the list is completed the Association will endeavour to obtain those books and set up a library for children, and then the children book lists will be printed for circulation in the country. Children clubs will be established by the joint action of the association and other educational bodies in Peking.

Mr. F. A. MacKenzie, one of the most distinguished and widely known British newspaper correspondents, has been appointed the staff correspondent of "The Japan Advertiser" in London in succession to Mr. Hugh Byas. Mr. Byas is sailing on the "Katori Maru" for Japan, where he will succeed Mr. Frank H. Hedges as managing editor of "The Japan Advertiser," due to Mr. Hedges' departure for America this autumn.

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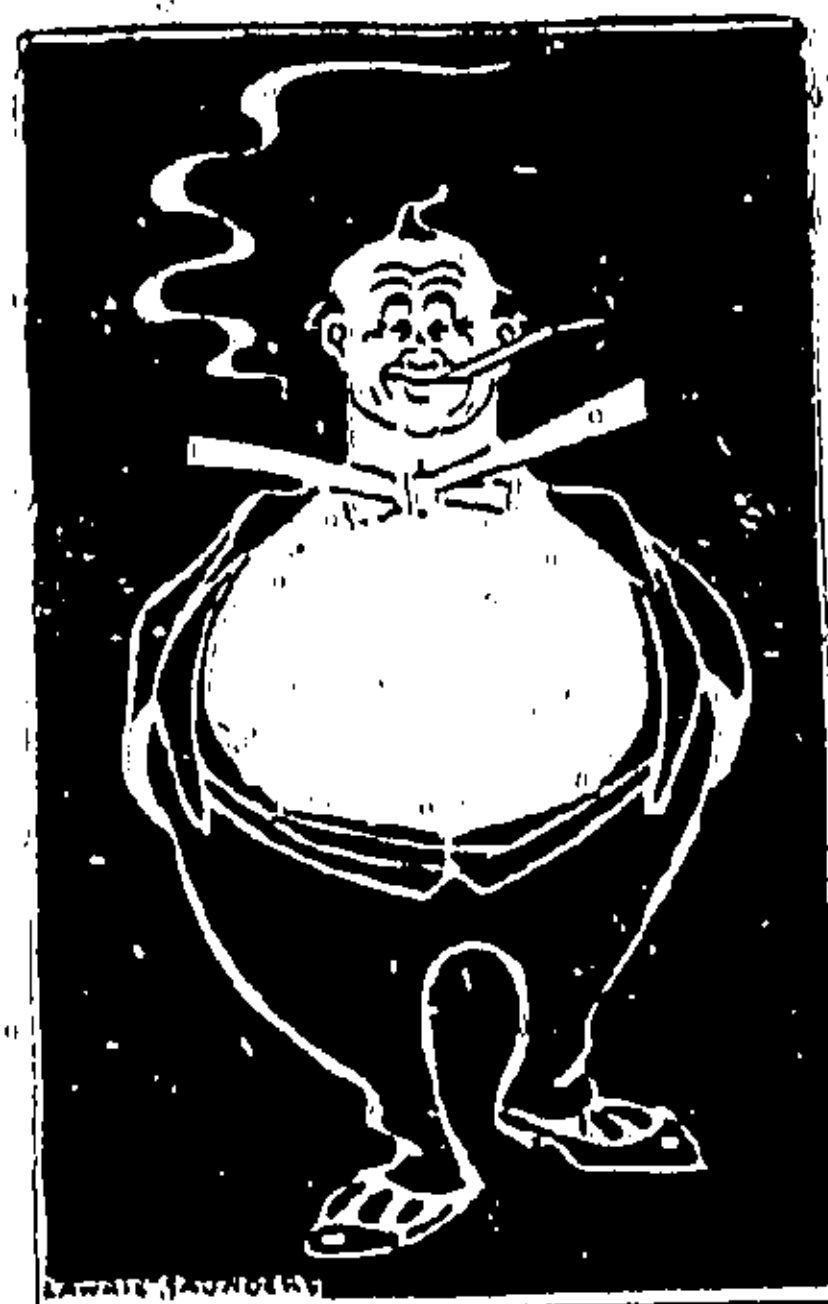
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SPORTS SECTION

MYSTERY HEROINE.

LADY DOCTOR'S CHANNEL ATTEMPT.

SECRET FROM MOTHER.

Rugby, Sept. 21.
It is revealed to-day that Miss Mona Maclellan, who accomplished such a remarkable feat of endurance in her attempt to swim the English Channel yesterday by being over 25 hours in the water, is in reality Miss Dorothy (?) and that she is doctor of medicine, practising in Harley Street—the London street of medical specialists.

She is also a medical officer of King's College Hospital.

Her secret was kept even from her mother, who heard of the great effort of "Miss Maclellan," but did not know until later that Miss Maclellan was her daughter.—British Wireless Service.

FIGHT AT LAST.

DEMPSEY TO MEET GENE TUNNEY.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.
After three years of him acting and pleasure hunting, Jack Dempsey enters the boxing ring of the Sequoyia exhibition at 8.45 on Thursday evening in defence of his title against Gene Tunney, with shadows of three impending law suits overhanging him.

These, however, have been postponed till Friday in order not to interfere with the fight.

Tex Rickard announces that the takings are already \$1,700,000, of which Dempsey is guaranteed half a million plus a percentage on all takings over a million. It is expected he will net three-quarters of a million with movie rights.

Tunney gets a modest \$100,000 win or lose.

Both are tapering off training. Dempsey is expected to enter the ring at fourteen stone, giving him a ten pounds advantage.

The betting is 13 to 5 against Tunney and it is predicted will be 3 to 1 at the ringside.

No fewer than six hundred reporters will be present, while the contest will be broadcast throughout the country.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME GOLF.

MITCHELL LOSES IN 1ST ROUND.

£1,040 COMPETITION.

London, Sept. 21.
Abe Mitchell was beaten in the first round of the news of the



Abe Mitchell.

World £1,040 golf tournament on the Mid-Surrey course by H. Gaudin of Wanstead, by one hole.—Reuter.

DOCKYARD Y.M.C.

The following is the programme of the Dockyard Young Men's Club, to be completed before the annual meeting, which is being held at the Club Room at 6.45 p.m. on October 6.

September 23.—Soccer match against the H.M.S. "Ambrose" on the dockyard ground at 5.30 p.m.

September 24.—Ping-Pong match against the Chinese Catholic Young Men's Club at Caine Road at 7 p.m.

September 25.—Final bathing picnic of the Club. Launch will leave dockyard at 2 p.m. and Kowloon yard at 2.20 p.m.

September 29.—Social dance at the Club room at 6.45 p.m.

H. K. E. CRICKET XI.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in their cricket match with the Indian Recreation Club at Sookumpoo on Saturday:—J. C. Dunbar, T. L. Foster, C. E. Gahagan, G. Murray, W. B. Muskett, F. Northington, A. F. Paul, S. J. Stanesby, C. G. Thomson, C. Vickers, and J. R. Way (capt.). Reserves:—J. C. Thomson and T. P. Sanders.

POLO IN AMERICA.

Westbury, Sept. 21.

In the semi-final of the polo championship, Argentine beat Orange County by 13 to 8. They therefore, meet the Hurricanes in the final.—Reuter's American Service.

IDENTIFIED?

CANTON GOVERNMENT AND STRIKERS.

PERTINENT QUERIES.

Mr. Sun Fo, Mayor of Canton and member of the Central Executive Council of the Government of Canton, having been reported by the "Man Kwok Po" as delivering a speech in which the interests of the Canton Government and the Strike Committee were identified, official correspondence between H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong and the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Canton has taken place through the British Consul in Canton.

The correspondence has been released by the Hong Kong Government in a sessional paper to be laid in the ordinary course before the Legislative Council.

The following letter was addressed by His Excellency the Governor to H.E.M. Consul in Canton.

Government House, Hong Kong, September 2, 1926.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward the enclosed translation of a speech made by Mr. Sun Fo and published by the "Man Kwok Yat Po" on August 27. I shall be glad if you will be good enough to ascertain from the acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Canton Government whether Mr. Sun Fo did in fact make this speech, and at the same time point out to him that, if the report is correct, the present Canton Government is apparently completely identified with the outrageous acts and the still more outrageous aims of the Canton Strike Committee. In particular the Hong Kong Government desires to know whether it is or is not the policy of the present Canton Government to support "the Canton strikers"; whether it is or is not the policy of the present Canton Government to inflict such

great hardship. But taking the interests of our people and our revolution into consideration, we cannot fail to support the Strike to the end. Moreover, our National Government is one which represents the people in their interests, they have still more to exert themselves to support the Strike until final victory is achieved.

During the past several months, some tame dogs of the Imperialists charged the National Government with having no desire for a settlement, and created all sorts of rumours in order on the one hand to damage the National Government which is a kind mother of the workmen, and on the other to injure the strikers, who are brave sons of the National Government.

To our credit, however, after official negotiations had been held by both Parties—Eurene Chen, the Foreign Minister, Sung Tsz Man, the Financial Commissioner and Ku Mang-yu, Director of the Propaganda Department under the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, sent by our National Government, and the Attorney General, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the British Consul-General at Shanghai, by the other Party—All false charges of insincerity brought against us previously were withdrawn without any counter-argument on our part.

The Sino-British negotiation has been held. What is the result? The British Imperialists not only have no sincere desire for a settlement, but have also taken the strike as a thing of the past, and proposed to negotiate on the Anti-British boycott. And this is not all: they also proposed an industrial loan that is to say, the Imperialists in Hong Kong desired to give a loan to the National Government for the opening of Whampoa on condition that a loophole is constructed to link up the Canton-Kowloon Railway and the Canton-Hankow Railway, and an English accountant and engineer are employed.

"Devilish Plots."

And the British Imperialists are indeed very clever. They know that when Whampoa has been laid out as a commercial port, Hong Kong will not only lose its economic control over Kwong Tung, but will also be turned into a useless district. Therefore they do not grudge giving an industrial loan in the hope that they may carry out their intrigues of monopolising Whampoa and thus reducing it to a second Kowloon. Since such devilish plots are hatched by British Imperialism to entrap us Chinese, we cannot fathom their intrigues.

Thus how can we Chinese accept their proposal at the Sino-British negotiations? It teaches us that

the British Imperialists have no sincere desire for a settlement, and how can we then come to a settlement with them? Thus we must combine together, and support our Anti-Imperialist vanguard, the Canton-Hong Kong strikers, and help them to gain the final victory. All our fellow-countrymen must aim at this.

Until the Hong Kong Imperialists have been brought to submission, the wrongs of the Shaki victims have been redressed, the tragedy of May 30 has been revenged and the unequal treaties have been cancelled, we must take a solemn oath to support the Strike. Several days ago, the Governor of Hong Kong, representative of the British Imperialists, in an open speech, labelled our Strike Commission and strikers as robbers and pirates, and our National Government as tools of robbers and pirates. He has not only insulted our Government and our strikers, but also the revolutionary masses of the whole of China.

His hideous words are sufficient to show that the Imperialists will never treat us with sincerity, and never come to terms with us. How shall we reply to him? We can reply to the Hong Kong Imperialists thus:—"You are robbers. You are pirates. If you are not, how could you have robbed Hong Kong?" Therefore we must combine together, and put ourselves forward to strike the robbers, and kill the pirates. In particular, we must retain all the concessions and overthrow British Imperialism.

"Develop the Boycott."

We should not allow ourselves to be deceived by the Imperialists, or hope that the British Imperialists will again send a delegation to negotiate with us, but we must develop the Anti-British boycott throughout China. One more word: If the British Imperialists do not send any delegation again to negotiate with us with sincerity, we can only hold out to the end. The final victory will be ours. Since the objects of the Strike are so momentous, we must support it to the end with unification. Victory in the Strike means successful emancipation of our Chinese race. This responsibility must be shouldered by our Revolutionary masses.

Mr. Chen's Reply.

The following is the letter in reply from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Canton, to H. M. Consul-General dated September 16, 1926.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant in which you ask for a reply concerning a speech of Mayor Sun published in the "Min Kuo Jih Pao" of August 27.

On receipt of your letter I sent a copy to Mayor Sun for his consideration and am now awaiting his reply, but in the meantime there are some points which I wish to mention to you. No matter whether what appeared in the paper was or was not the speech of Mr. Sun (this speech was probably a rejoinder to the statements in the speech of the Governor of Hong Kong concerning "robbers and pirates"), even if Mr. Sun actually did make these statements, they are, as is quite obvious, only an expression of his personal opinion.

Regarding the remarks in the third paragraph of your letter, our Nationalist Government can on no account admit the right of the Hong Kong Government to make these official enquiries. With a view to avoiding misunderstandings in present circumstances, I will reply to your questions that the answer is in the negative, and I have the honour to request that you will take note and inform the Governor of Hong Kong—I have, &c.

CH'EN YU-JEN.

Covering Letter.

The following is H.E.M. Consul General's covering letter to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Eugene Chen:

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose a copy of the "Man Kwok Yat Po" of August 27 in which is published a speech alleged to have been made by Mr. Sun Fo, the Mayor of Canton, on the subject of the anti-British movement in this Province. An English translation of the speech is also enclosed.

I am requested by the Governor of Hong Kong to ascertain from you whether Mr. Sun Fo did in fact make this speech, and if the report is correct, I am asked to point out to you that the present Canton Government is apparently completely identified with the outrageous acts and still more outrageous aims of the Canton Strike Committee.

In particular the Hong Kong Government desires to know whether it is or is not the policy of the present Canton Government to support "the Canton strikers," whether it is or is not the policy of the present Canton Government to inflict such injury as it can upon Hong Kong, and whether it is or is not the policy of the present Canton Government to "develop the Anti-British boycott throughout China."

I shall be glad therefore if you will favour me with replies to all the above questions at your earliest convenience.—I have etc.

(Sd.) J. F. BRENNAN.

Acting Consul General.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 22, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Extra Broker's Share & Mail Society.
T.T. on London	2/15 7/34	2/15 7/34	2/15 7/34
T.T. on Shanghai	7/34	7/34	7/34
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1100 s	1080 b 1090 s	1090 n
Chartered Bank	2121 n	2121 n	2121 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230 1/2 b	230 1/2 b	230 1/2 b
P. & O. Bank	213 1/2 b	213 1/2 b	213 1/2 b
Bank of East Asia	204 1/2 b	204 1/2 b	204 1/2 b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	610 s	610 s	610 s
China Underwriters	152 n	152 n	152 n
North China Insurance	1125 n	1125 n	1125 n
Union Insurance	287 s	287 s	287 s
Yangtze Insurance	35 b Mex	35 b Mex	35 b Mex
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b 210 s	200 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n	600 n	600 n
Shipping.			
Douglases	25 b	25 1/2 b	25 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	25 1/2 b	25 1/2 b 25 1/2 s	25 1/2 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n
Indo-China (Pref)	30 b	30 b	30 b
do. (Def.) Ltd.	42 b	42 b	42 b
Oriental Navigation	—	—	—
Shell Transports	90 1/2 b	90 1/2 b	90 1/2 b
Star Ferries	61 b & sa	61 b	61 b
Water-boats	15 1/4 n	15 s	15 s
Refineries.			
China Sugars	21 s	20 s	20 s
Malayan Sugars	36 n	36 b 37 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1 1/2 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	40 1/2 b	42 1/2 b	42 1/2 b
Langkats (Combined)	23 1/2 b	23 1/2 b	23 1/2 b
do. (Single)	11 1/2 b	12 n	12 n
Shanghai Exploration	5 n	5 n	5 n
Shanghai Loan	5 1/2 n	5 1/2 n	5 1/2 n
Raubs	5 1/2 n	5 1/2 n	5 1/2 n
Tromch Mines	80 1/2 n	80 1/2 n	80 1/2 n
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	8 1/2 n	8 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$110 s	108 s	108 s
H.K. & W. Docks	58 1/2 s	56 s	56 s
Hongkew	1170 b	1170 b	1170 b
New Engineerings	610 b	610 b	610 b
Shanghai Docks	115 b	115 1/2 b	115 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	9 b & sa	9 b	9 b & sa
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	60 n	56 1/2 b 56 1/2 sa	56 b 56 1/2 sa
Hongkong Realty	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
H.K. Territorial	4 s	4 s	4 s
Humphreys' Estates	13 b	13 b	13 b
Prince's Building	80 s	87 s	87 s
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	9 n	9 1/2 s	9 1/2 s
Oriental	25 1/2 b	25 1/2 b	25 1/2 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	57 b	52 b	52 b
do. (new)	26 b	27 b	26 b
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	7 1/2 n	8 s	8 s
Cements (comb.)	12 n	10 b & sa	10 b
do. (old)	11 n	14 b	14 b
do. (new)	134 n	120 b	115 b
China Buses	10 1/2 n	16 s	16 1/2 s
China Lights (comb.)	19 n	12 n	11 1/2 s
do. (old)	13 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	9 s
China Prov. (comb)	10 n	—	—
do. (old)	5 s	5 b	4.80 n
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	16 1/2 s	15 1/2 b 16 s	15 1/2 s
Der A. Wing (full pd.)	6 s	7 s	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	12 b 12 40 sa	12 1/2 b 12 40 sa	11 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	24 n	3 s	3 s
Hongkong Electric	57 1/2 b	57 b	56 1/2 b 56 sa
H.K. Developments	5 s	5 s	—
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	23 1/2 b	23 b & sa	23 1/2 b
Lane, Crawford	9 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	9 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 n	16 s	17 s
do. (new)	7.60 n	8 n	8 s
Sinceres	11 n	9 1/2 b	8 1/2 n
Singapore Trams	15 1/2 b	16 b	15 1/2 s
Taxis	3 s	3 s	2 s
United Asbestos	20 s	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n	—
Watsons (old)	13 s	—	12 1/2 s
do. (new)	6 1/2 n	5 b 5 1/2 s	5 n
Wm. Powells	—	—	34 b
H.K. Telephone	—	—	—

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—I have, &c.

(Sd.) C. CLEMENTI,

Governor, &c.

Translation.

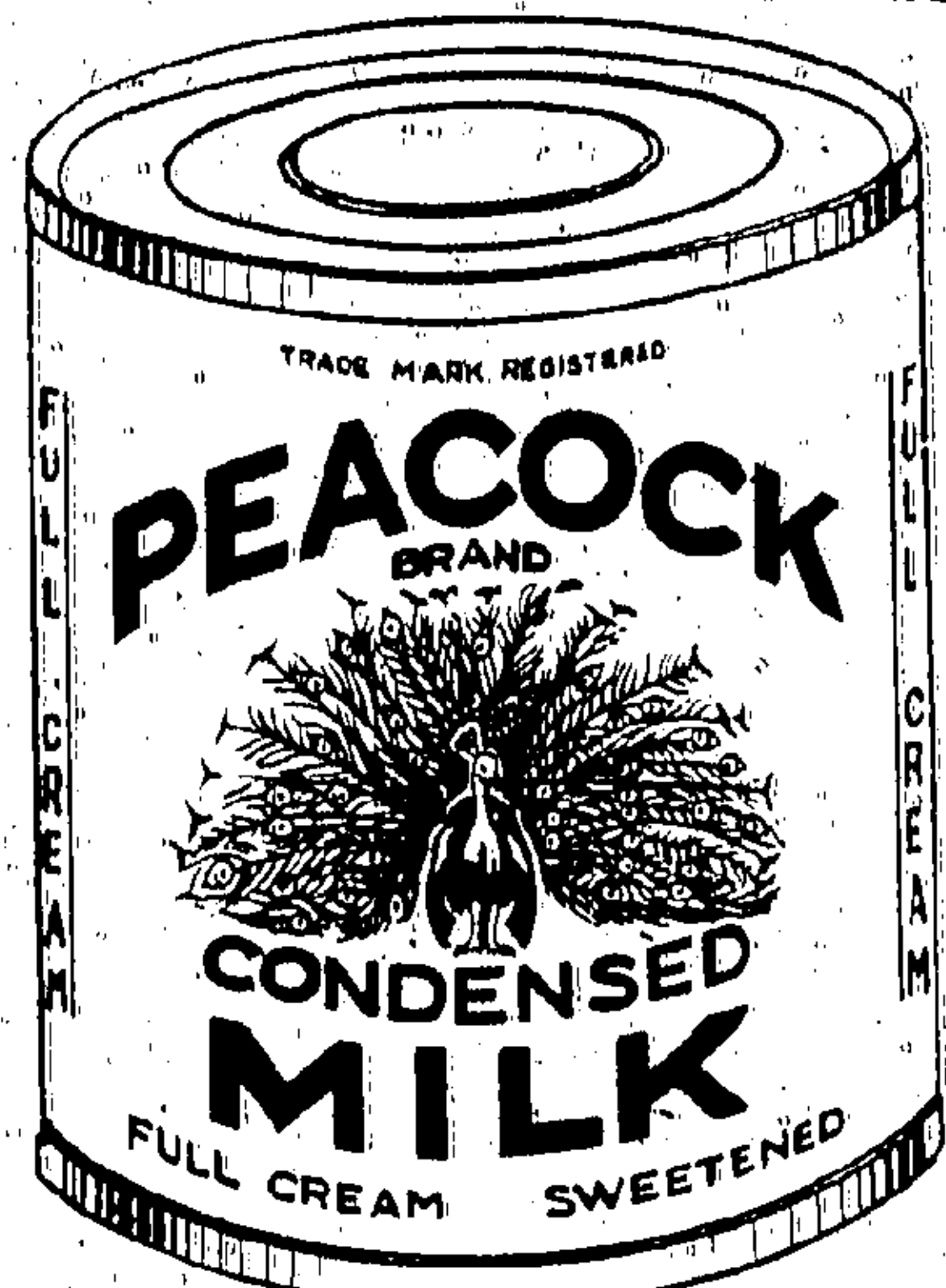
(Extract from "Man Kwok Yat Po," Canton, August 27, 1926).

Communique of Member Sun:

Opinions of our Party and Government regarding the Sino-British negotiations. (From the "Central News Agency.")

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State and private investigators into the death of Don Mellett, a Canton, (Ohio), publisher, ignored the offers of assistance from Police Chief S. A. Lengel, who had not been friendly to the dead man.



Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., returned to America with the announcement that he had definitely split with his family. Refreshed by a trip abroad, he said he hoped to rebuild his papers.



Fawn Gray, actress and dancer, received an annulment of her marriage to Theodore N. McFarland, a Philadelphia newspaperman, in the Baltimore Courts. She said that she did not know what she was doing at the time of the ceremony.



Governor Vic Donahey, of Ohio, used the forces at his command to press the investigation into the murder of Don Mellett, publisher.



Miss Helen Filkey, of Chicago, who holds the national records for the 60-yard hurdle, 100-yard dash and broad jump.



Edward P. Lavin (arrow), leader, is shown urging the New York subway workers to quit their strike. The men marched to the company's office, were refused jobs except as individuals, and decided to remain out. Police charged them, clubbing many.



Nick Altrock, famous clown of the Washington American League Club. Though he long since ceased to play ball, Nick is one of the most familiar figures in baseball.



When two such charming maidens can fry eggs at zero, then there is no doubt that the thermometer is doing funny business. The girls are frying their eggs on the top of the Zero stone, near the White House, Washington, the marker from which all distances are measured.



Thomas F. Coffey delivers State mail to the U.S. President at his Summer White House at White Pine Camp, in the Adirondacks.

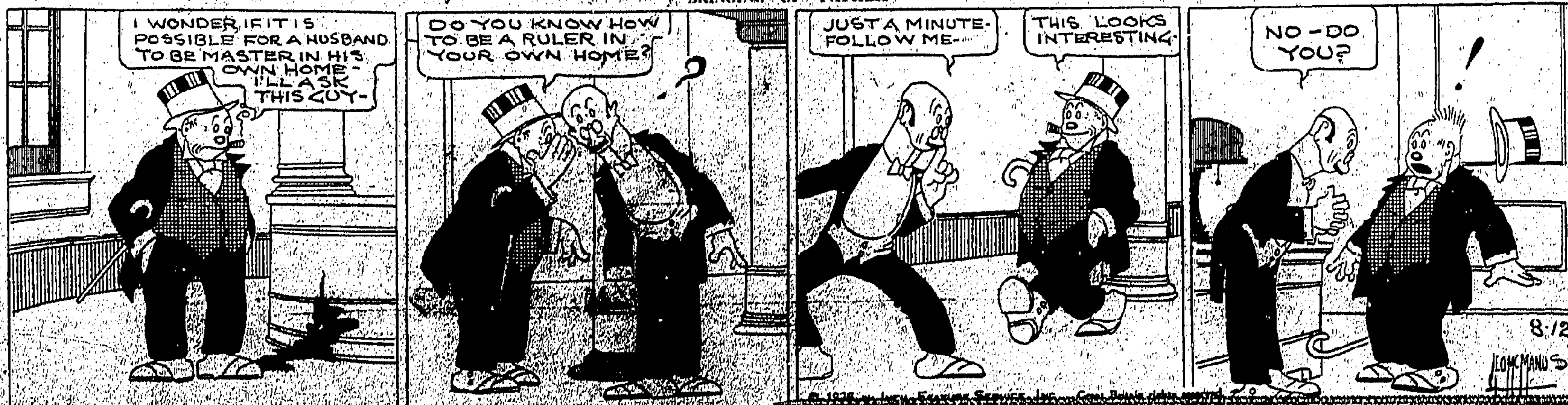


Bobby Jones, playing "for the fun of it," annexed the National Open Championship coming from behind to win by a score of 208 over the links of the Seaside Country Club, Columbus. Jones trailed Bill Mahorn for the first three days. Joe Turnesa, of New York, came in second and Leo Diegel was third. Photo shows Jones being presented with the Open Golf Competition Cup by W. C. Fownes, Jr., President of the U. S. G. A.

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FAIR RENTS BOARD.

K. R. A.'S LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

STABILISATION URGED.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association over which the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presided a number of interesting matters were dealt with.

The first and most important business on the agenda was the question of a "Fair Rents" Board. The Committee had been advised of cases where rent had been increased to a very large extent. In the worst case notified the increase represented 140 per cent. of the rent paid previous to June 30.

It was pointed out that if such increases can be made at this time of depression when there are fewer people in the Colony and there is an admittedly large number of Chinese premises vacant, the rent situation is going to be much worse as soon as conditions in the Colony return to normal.

The Committee were of the opinion that there should be some form of Government control and that a "Fair Rents Board" with powers to investigate all cases of large increases in rent would do much to stabilise rents.

Association's Appeal.

It was therefore decided to write to the Government asking them to institute a "Fair Rents Board" in the following terms:—

September 16,

The Hon.

the Colonial Secretary,
Hong Kong.

Sir,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association to submit the following request for the serious consideration of the Government.

Even at the present time, when large numbers of Chinese and Europeans are away from the Colony owing to the boycott, the Committee has received advice of instances where rents have been increased from 32 per cent. to 140 per cent. of the rent paid previous to the removal of the Rents Restriction Ordinance on June 30, 1926. The Committee feels that in such cases there should be some court of appeal which could inquire into the circumstances, and if necessary arbitrate between tenant and landlord.

Suggested Constitution.

Such a court of appeal could be formed by instituting a "Fair Rents Board" on which the parties interested would be represented adequately with powers to investigate all cases of increased rent submitted by tenants. The Board should be empowered to call witnesses and to demand the production of re-

cords and accounts to show the actual return on a landlord's investment. The Board should be further empowered to call expert witnesses, if necessary, to arrive at actual valuations as against—in some cases—the highly inflated prices paid.

Criticism Not Same.

The Committee would point out that such a Board would not be subject to the same criticism that was levelled at the Rents Restriction Ordinance, namely that of preventing development of property.

Since some form of Government control is exercised over profits and rates of such public utilities as tramways, omnibuses, electric lighting and telephones, it is felt that some form of control is amply justified in the case of rents. Rent occupies a larger proportion of the public's monthly budget than the total expenditure for the public utilities mentioned.

I am, therefore, directed to urge the Government to institute such a Board at the earliest possible opportunity.

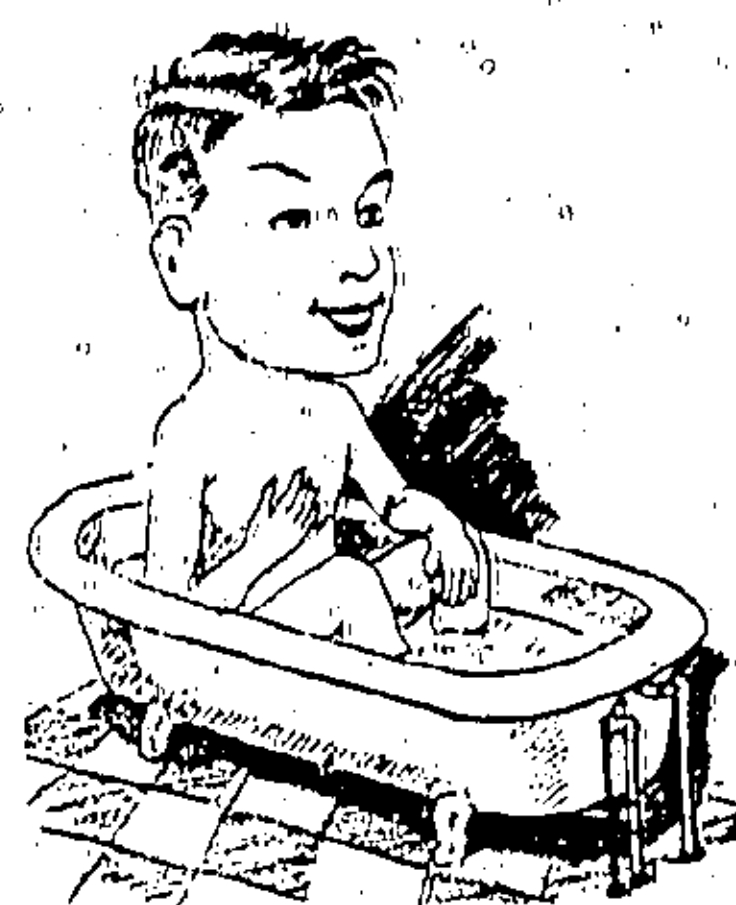
This request is in accordance with the wishes of 92 per cent. of the members of this Association who answered the Committee's referendum on the subject.

I have, etc.,

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KOWLOON MATTERS.

GOVERNMENT DISPENSARY & BUSES.

K. R. A. COMMITTEE MEETS.

The Rev. J. Horace Johnston presided at the last meeting of the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

Mr. J. L. Parren, hon. secretary, has favoured the "China Mail" with copies of reports on the telephone question (which also concerns the services in Hong Kong) and on rents increases. These are published fully in this issue.

On other subjects, the following has been released for publication:—

Government Dispensary.

A report recently appeared in the Press that the Government was considering the possibility of combining the work of the Kowloon Dispensary with that of the Kowloon Hospital.

Presumably this means that the Dispensary in Nathan Road will be closed and the facilities it now gives transferred to the Kowloon Hospital.

In view of the distance to the Hospital and the lack of transport facilities in that direction it was decided to ask the Government if the Kowloon Dispensary has to move from its present premises to find some other home for it in the same neighbourhood in order that the Tsimshatsui district may not be deprived of what is a very real advantage especially to the Chinese residents.

Bus Stopping Places.

The Committee were very gratified to note that the Government had so promptly instituted the additional bus stopping places in the Kowloon City route which the Committee recently recommended, namely at the junction of Mody and Chatham Roads and Taiwan, and Kowloon City Roads and the substitution of Austin Avenue for the Austin Road stop.

A petition having been received asking for an additional stop at the junction of Nathan and Granville Roads, the bus sub-committee recommended that in view of the fact that all stops are optional and buses only stop if requested, that the Government be asked to institute an additional stop at this point.

It was also decided to ask the Government to institute a further stopping place on Salisbury Road opposite the Post Office.

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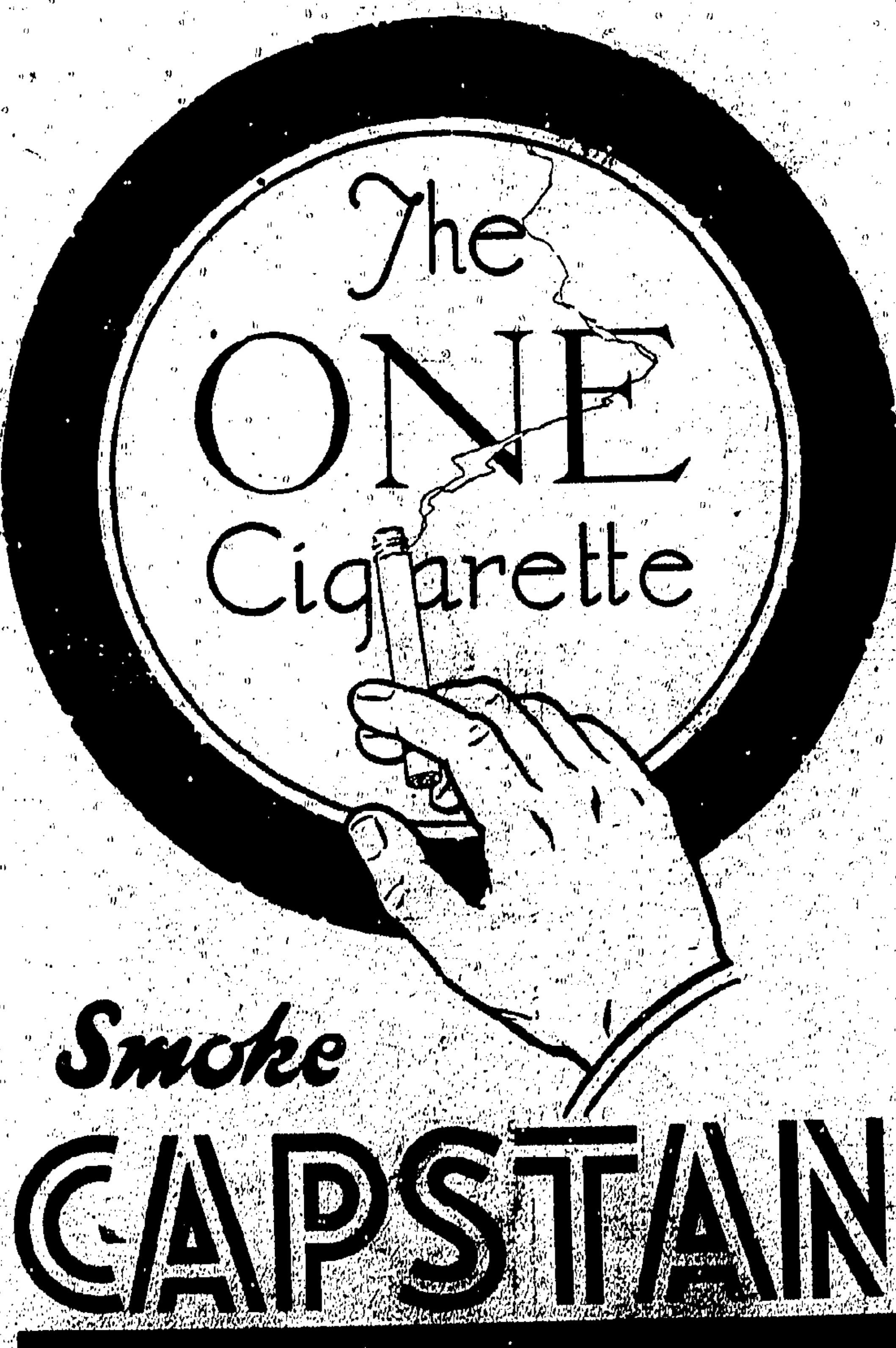
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